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# HARD TIMES

AT the second International UFO Congress, which was co-ordinated by BUFORA (May 24, 1981), the editor of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW gave a talk in which he referred to the present recession in UFO reports, and compared the situation with a period in the early 1960s that was long considered to have been a somewhat similar recession. Subsequently it was shown that that so-called "Dark Ages of Ufology" never was at any time a period of low incidence, globally, of reports. There had been "flaps" and waves in great abundance in what, for us in those days, were relatively remote places. South America was one such region, about which the rest of the world knew precious little, ufologically, until communications improved (which included the overcoming of the language barrier, for which ufology in general, and FSR in particular, owe a great debt of gratitude to Gordon Creighton for his prodigious labours).

The fact that, currently, there is what appears to be a recession in UFO reports, in no way means that they have ceased altogether. As will be seen in this issue, they still come in — albeit less frequently than heretofore — and it is suspected that waves may well be going on in places where, for some reason or the other, communications with our part of the world are not of the best; countries, for example, like China, or the U.S.S.R.

Naturally, such a situation will have an adverse effect on a journal like ours, and on the major groups and associations. Indeed we are saddened to learn of other publications being forced to close down. There are other factors too...

If, to the problems just described, we add the effects of the nightmarish economic recession, then we can expect hard times ahead. Prices are inflating all around us — and among these are a number of items that primarily concern us, namely the costs of printing, paper and postage. It goes without saying we are feeling the strangling effects of all these factors, as well as a fall in the number of our subscribers. Readers may rest assured, however, that we are taking measures to remedy this situation, to make necessary economies and to streamline our product, for our intention is to ride the storm.

In the circumstances, readers are called upon to do their utmost to support us, for after more than 26 years of hard and painstaking work, we think it essential that we continue the recording of the UFO phenomenon, and the encouraging of comment and debate on that subject.

There are many practical measures that can be taken by our readers. Recently, for example, we were dismayed to receive a letter from a regular reader who proudly related that he passed his magazine round for some 20 other people to read. Well, if only a small percentage of those 20 "external"

readers — and of those who borrow FSR from other subscribers — were to take out their own subscriptions, it would be a very great help to us. Another idea for the promotion of our journal is for established subscribers to take out subscriptions as birthday or Christmas gifts for friends.

So please encourage as many of your friends and fellow researchers as possible to take out new subscriptions to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. When comparing it with other popular journalistic items, it will be seen that one copy of FSR, a specialist magazine, costs less than the average family's weekly account for newspapers — which also suffer from the same problems that harass FSR. It also costs less than most paperback books, which contain only a little more by way of reading matter, and certainly less in variety of content.

Meanwhile we will wait for the various recessions to pass, for a new wave to engage our interest, and even excite us. Until that happens we know that organisations like UFOIN will continue with their important investigations, and submit reports. For ourselves we will continue to avoid forcing personal philosophies — should we ever acquire any! — on our readers. In short, we are still looking, with open minds, to find out what it's all about. Can it all be down to direct extraterrestrial intervention, or to more subtle extraterrestrial influence? Or is it something completely different?

# RISE IN PRICE

In the editorial leader we have endeavoured to draw a picture of the general situation that confronts this publication. It will be apparent to readers that our most pressing problem is the financial one and, in the circumstances, we have no alternative other than to impose an increase in the price of this magazine.

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# A POLICEMAN'S LOT

**Was there a macabre connection between a mysterious death he'd helped investigate and his personal CE1 (possible CE4) experience?**

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*Jenny Randles*

**A MUFORA investigation and UFOIN report dated June 3, 1981**

THIS case was uncovered, as a matter of course, among reports of many sightings which have occurred in the Rossendale valley on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border. Its interest was not recognised immediately. Manchester UFO Research Association (MUFORA) handled the investigation under the direction of **Norman Collinson** and **Harry Harris.** Mr. Collinson is a Detective Inspector in the police force (CID) and Mr. Harris is a lawyer. As it turned out their occupations were to prove extremely useful in the follow-up of this case, which is one of the most intriguing to have occurred in the north-west in recent years.

The events took place on Friday, November 28, 1980, during what has been thought of as a major period of drought in British UFO sightings. However, since a CE4 occurred in Cumbria on the previous Friday, and another close encounter in Durham during the intervening days, we may in fact see here the signs of a mid-drought flap.

### A preliminary teaser

PC Alan Davies, aged 33, of the West Yorkshire police force, stationed at Todmorden close to the Lancashire border, is the subject of our study. On June 11, 1980, he began his involvement in one of the most baffling cases he has ever come across.

At 3.45 that afternoon a body was found on top of a coal tip by the side of the railway line in the town. It was perched on top of the twenty-foot-high heap with no obvious signs as to how it had got there. Workers found it, and attested that it had not been there in the morning when work had last been conducted on the tip. Yet it was in plain view of the railway line on a bright summer's day, and trains passed by frequently. Consequently it was assumed it had not been on the tip for very long.

We were able to get a copy of the coroner's report, thanks to Harry Harris (who acted on behalf of the widow of the dead man in MUFORA's efforts to clear up the mystery). The post-mortem was conducted at 9.15 that same night, and it was reported that the body was a male, 5 ft. 6 ins tall, weighing approximately ten stones. Death had occurred between 8 and 10 hours previously to the body being found (i.e. about 7 a.m.). The man had consumed no food for 12 hours before death, and had a one-day's growth of beard. The state of the body was not consistent with that of someone who had been sleeping rough. There were no signs of foul play on the body, and death had been caused by a heart attack. There were suggestions that this had been induced by fear, although later it was found that the man did suffer from heart trouble. The only other features of the body were that it had been exposed to water after death, and also had a corrosive burn on the head (seemingly due to some corrosive liquid) that had been caused two days previously (certainly not as many as five) but this had not been severe enough to contribute to the death of the man.

At face value this seems no more than a mysterious death. Who placed the body on the tip, and how? It was said at the later inquest that the only obvious answer (although ridiculous) was that the body had been put there from above! Certainly it would have been extremely difficult for anyone to have carried a dead man up the steep and slippery slope of the heap of coal, and there were no signs that anyone had done this. In addition it would have taken time, and there was every chance that it would have been seen. Someone wanting to dispose of a body could surely have found a better way of doing it. Since the empty tip was seen *after* the man had died there is no possibility of his having crawled up there himself.

After police investigation, an inquest was held. Again, thanks to Harry, we were able to delve into this. The man was a 56-year-old expatriate Polish coalminer who lived at Tingley, near Wakefield (30 miles away to the east). He was quiet and very caring about his wife. He was not the kind to have illicit relationships, and on June 7 was due to give his god--daughter away in marriage. He was looking forward to this very much, and had written his speech. He had no obvious major worries, and on June 6, at about 3.30 in the afternoon, left his wife and some friends in the house, telling them he was just going to a shop. He spoke to neighbours outside while on his way, and told them the same thing. He was never seen again. Five days later his body was found. He had been living well and had died early on June 11.

The police drew a total blank on this case, finding no evidence of foul play, or that he had run away from home, or of how he had died. The only clues were the

staring eyes (indicative of death by fear), the strange burn on the neck and head (which had an oozing growth in the midst of it), and the inexplicable way his body appeared on the top of a coal tip, in broad daylight, thirty miles from home. After studying the case and investigating it, Harry was unable to find anything to explain it. The victim's wife can only conclude that somehow, he was murdered.

Obviously, this is intriguing, but of no apparent relevance to ufology. Quite possibly it has none, other than the link with PC Davies, who, as will be seen, was very soon to start thinking of UFOs. But there is one last little twist that does set one wondering. For the name of the mysterious dead man was Zygmund Jan Adamski!

### A Close Encounter

On November 28 PC Alan Davies was working nights alone in his patrol car. Between 1 and 3 a.m. he had been called several times to an estate on Burnley Road to investigate reports that a herd of 20 to 30 cows were roaming about. He never found them. By 5.15 a.m. he was pretty fed up and was returning to the estate once more, being just about to turn off the A646 road.

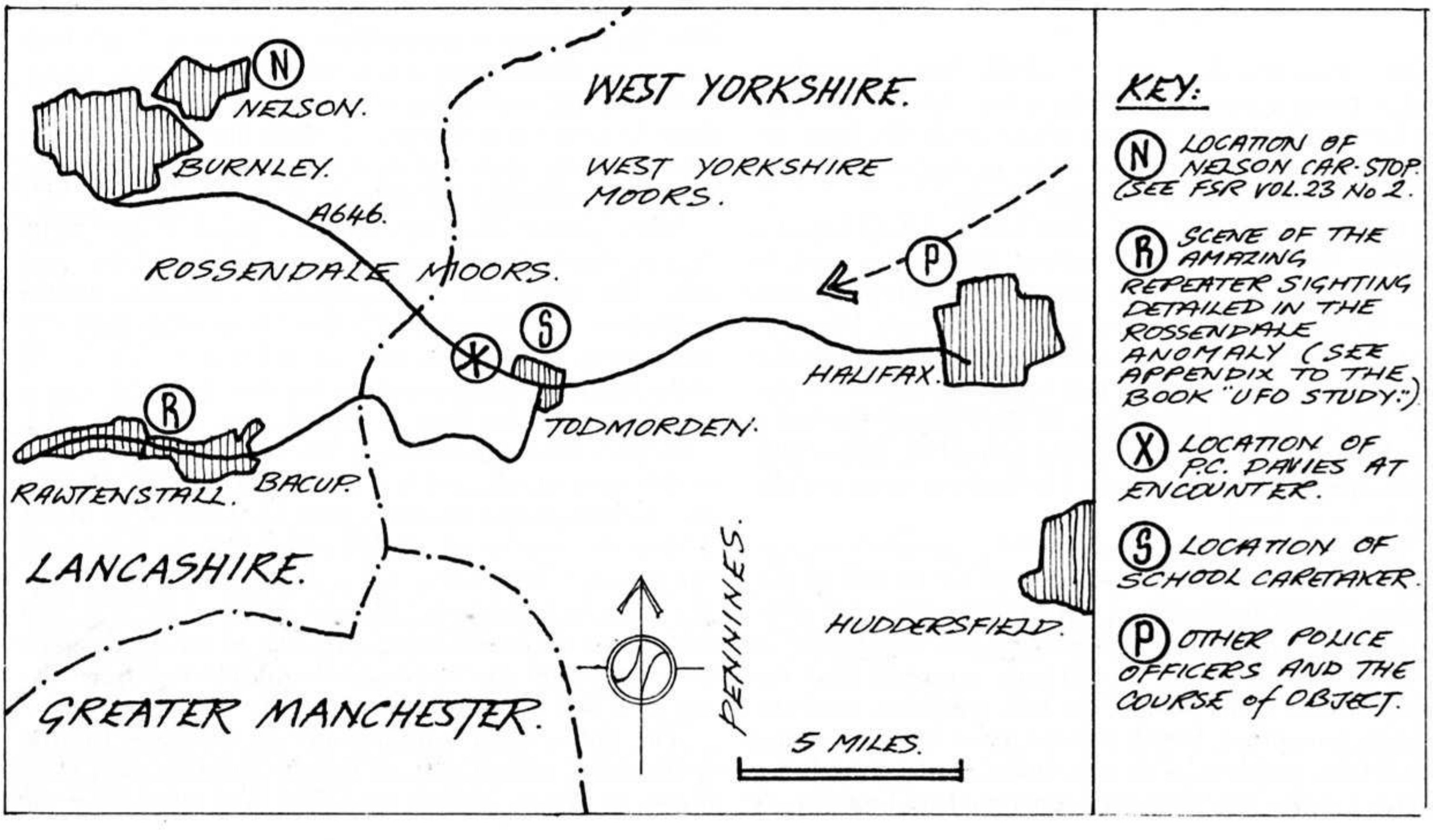
Suddenly, about 200 yards farther on, he could see an object that was lighting up the area. It had a glow attached to it, although not too bright, and he presumed it was a lorry or a bus on the road. He decided he had better investigate and so drove on until about 100 feet from the thing. By now he was frightened because he had no idea what was confronting him.

The thing was dome-shaped with a top more flattened than the base. It emitted fluorescent light from the top, and had a row of square dark "windows" beneath this. The thing was rotating (anti-clockwise as seen from beneath) and was basically white. It spanned the road, being about 20 feet in diameter, and hovered just five feet above the surface. The top came to within two feet of the tips of two lamp standards between which it hovered, enabling an estimate of its height (about 12 feet) to be made.

Alan watched in amazement for about one minute. He noticed that the top portion remained still, while the lower half rotated. He saw that leaves on trees nearby were shaking, although there was no breeze of any significance. Maintaining his composure he proceded to sketch the thing on a sheet of paper on his clip board, held up against the windscreen as he stared at the object.

The weather had been none too good, and it had rained rather heavily for a time. The road surface was generally very wet, but beneath where the object was hovering it was wet and dry in blotches. Whilst observing this he also noticed that the headlights from his patrol car reflected from the object. So whatever it was it had a physical substance. He tried to radio to base but could get nothing on either VHF or UHF. There was no static, just a total silence. Alan pointed out to us that this may have a natural explanation as there are many blank spots in the area where radio reception and transmission are very difficult.

After taking all of this in and wondering what to do



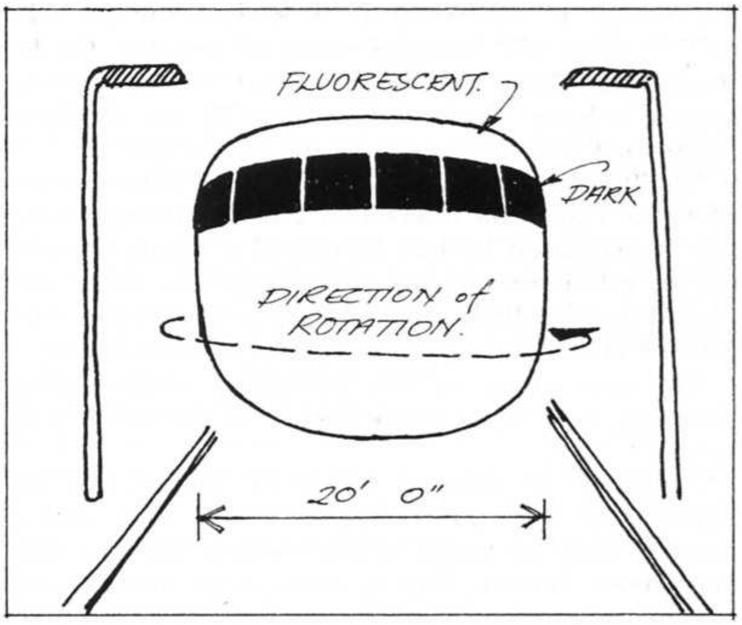
about it, something quite inexplicable took place. Alan was suddenly further down the road, past the point where the object had been. Looking back he saw that it was no longer there. He has no memory at all of how he reached this position. His engine had been running, and still was. Then he heard a voice (he thinks in his head although it was difficult to tell) which was dull but clear. It said, "You should not be seeing this. It is not for your eyes, Davies. You will forget it." He is now not sure what, if anything, he has forgotten, but I think (on the evidence of other cases) we might suspect it is something rather interesting.

### Conclusions

Naturally, there is an either/or situation here, for there is no conceivable chance of misidentification. Either whatever the constable says happened did happen, or he made it all up. Since he requests anonymity (and a pseudonym has been used), and since he played down the significance of some points himself (e.g. the radio blackout) it seems hard to believe he is not telling the truth. Hallucination is possible, but very difficult to fit into the circumstances.

It was obvious to us that this case bears more than a superficial resemblance to the Herb Schrimer "abduction." State Trooper Schrimer; who was driving alone, encountered an object he first thought to be a truck, and had a twenty minute time lapse (the exact time lapse in our present case is not known, but it was not longer than this, and possibly less). He had even been out prior to the encounter to look at cows behaving oddly. Regression hypnosis revealed missing memories of an alleged abduction. The case is included as Number 42 in the Condon report, although the report is inadequate and the conclusion totally unjustified (suggested psychological experience). If the present case is genuine this comparison is rather too close for coincidence. One is almost tempted to think the circumstances could be a deliberate "little joke" on the part of someone (or something), but if this "little joke" extended to the killing of Mr. Adamski then I, for one, am not amused. Of course, there could be another explanation, or it could all just be coincidence.

MUFORA is well aware that the use of hypnosis, in an effort to retrieve the missing memories, might prove interesting, although as a group we are not convinced of its efficacy as a means of obtaining valid data. Alan Davies is wavering somewhat about whether he wants this done, but we have a qualified hypnotist lined up to perform the experiments as soon as the time is right. When done the results of these experiments (for what they might be worth) will be made known.




**The object encountered by the policeman**

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### Postscript to "A Policeman's Lot" dated June 11, 1981

Further information has come to light following the continuing investigations of Norman Collinson and Harry Harris for MUFORA. It would now seem that we have a most important case indeed, for it appears that independent corroboration of the sighting may be to hand.

First, a few points clarifying events from the point of view of PC Davies. At 05.15 he had left the police station in the centre of the town (which by no means is very large). He had only driven a couple of hundred yards, west-north-west along Burnley Road, when he saw the lighted object. He thought it to be a bus, because a works vehicle of this description regularly travels that route a few minutes later than the time. He wondered idly why it was early and why it was stopped. Then he confronted the UFO.

When he recovered at the other side of the object the car was in fact in first gear and moving slowly. He has no recollection of switching from neutral, starting to drive, or moving along the road to this point. After ascertaining that the object was gone he drove back past the spot towards town, a drive of no more than a minute. Here he picked up a colleague and related the

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experience. It was then that he discovered the time (05.30). Since his conscious memory accounts for no more than about four minutes, or so, there does appear a quite distinct time lapse of ten minutes. Regression hypnosis is now to be conducted.

We have found no reason to disbelieve the witness when he claims no interest in UFOs, although since the investigation he has developed a strong interest (by no means an unusual happening). His house displayed no indication of UFO literature, and indeed he seemed more fond of music than of reading matter.

We now come to the intriguing confirmation, although it is not a confirmation in the strictest of senses.

At 04.50 (25 minutes before PC Davies had his experience) four police officers (three men and a woman) were on patrol in a car which was on a hillside above Halifax. This is about eight miles to the east of Todmorden. They were engaged in a search for some stolen property. Suddenly they saw a brilliant ball of light approach across the hills. It seemed to swoop down towards the car and streak overhead silently. It came so low and close that the officers admit that they instinctively ducked! The light was finally observed streaking away across moorland, keeping low, and heading in the direction of Todmorden. They reported the incident immediately to their local base. The call was logged and recorded as having been received at 04.53. Now, there is a twenty five minute time discrepancy here, but the correlation is remarkably close and it must be recalled that PC Davies first saw the object already in position and hovering. Traffic on that road at such a time on a winter morning would be very light, and it is not inconceivable that nothing else could have passed that way in a twenty minute period leading up to the arrival of the police car.

But that is not the end of it, for at just after 05.45 (15 minutes after PC Davies had returned to the station to report the encounter) there was a call from a school caretaker, a man in his sixties, who was opening a school and about to start its boilers. The school is on a hill just above Todmorden, looking down towards the location where PC Davies had his experience. This man claims that at 05.45 he saw a ball of white light, tinged with blue, streak into the sky and move away very fast. It seemed to have risen from the ground. The man was asked to come into the station to report what he had seen. He did so, and was there at the same time as PC Davies was being interviewed by his superiors about the fantastic events that he claimed had befallen him.

It is unlikely that we would have discovered this information but for the assistance of Norman Collinson (recently promoted to Detective Superintendent), and the legal aid of Harry Harris. It may prove that we shall be thanking them for uncovering one of the most important events ever to occur in Britain, yet one which has not even made a whisper in the press. Just how many other classic cases remain undiscovered? Incredible things could be going on in our midst and we might never find out about them. A sobering thought.

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# GRUESOME CREATURE ON ROAD IN SPAIN

*Gordon Creighton*

WE are indebted to one of our Spanish readers (whose handwriting on the envelope I regret I do not recognise) for sending an extract from the Spanish magazine *Hola,* No. 1891, dated November 22, 1980, which contains an article about a woman who was travelling in her car, with her son, along the road from Pozohondo to Nava de Abajo (Province of Albacete) when they allegedly encountered a gruesome looking creature.

There had been a new outburst of UFO reports in the Albacete area. Two crews of National Police patrol cars had had sightings, and a week later there was again sightings, over Chinchilla in the same area, and very near to the Air Force base at Los Llanos. The precise focus is a piece of terrain owned by the Spanish Army and used by them for military manoeuvres.

The witnesses in the latest of these sightings over Chinchilla were a Sr. Antonio M. Sánchez and a married couple (not named). They observed, at about 7.30 p.m. one evening, two circular objects, one of which they estimated to be about 4 metres wide, on the top of the Sierra de Chinchilla. About an hour later, Gustavo Martínez López, police constable *(alguacil)* at Nava de Abajo, saw a luminous object half the apparent size of the full moon, flying at great speed in the direction of Albacete. He said it looked like a flying car headlight, and was far too fast to be an aircraft.

Only a few hours after that, on the highway from Pozohondo to Nava de Abajo, came the astonishing experience reported by the woman. Her name is given only as Doña A.M.M., but the magazine has a very

clear photograph of her, and also a photograph of the village constable.

The lady's story is given as follows:-

"It was at about half past three, or four o'clock, in the morning, and my son and I were returning after having taken one of his friends home. When we had got to a spot about two kilometres from Nava de Abajo, we saw what at first seemed to me to be a person standing in the middle of the road...

"Still trembling and displaying signs of severe fright, despite the fact that several days had elapsed since she had the experience, Doña A.M.M., who insisted that the reporter should not divulge her name, went on to describe what, judging by her account, the reporter could only conclude to be a humanoid of some sort. She was in such a nervous and disturbed condition that it was only after a very long chat with her that the reporter was able to extract from her the details of an experience that she seems unlikely to forget for a long time to come.

"I continue with her story.

" 'We had just come out of a dip in the road, and there was this person, stationary at first. The first thought I had was that there had been an accident. I remarked to my son that it was very unwise to stand there like that in the middle of the road, where a car could hit him. As we got closer and closer to him, the man did not move, so my son flashed the headlights several times to warn him in case he had not seen us coming. He still stood there, and as we came up to him we had to swerve sharply to miss him.'

**Q:** 'Were you then able to get a close view of him?'

**A:** 'Yes. I was terrified (at this point the lady's features portrayed her terror, and she had difficulty in continuing.) His appearance had already struck me as a bit strange, and indeed I had remarked to my son that I felt doubtful whether it was a man at all. Just as we were on the point of hitting him and forced to swerve, I was able to see that there was nothing human about him. We passed very close by him — I would say no more than a metre from him at the most — and what I saw, well, I myself find it hard to believe.'

**Q:** 'Well, what was he like?'

**A:** 'Tall — quite tall — maybe around 1 m.80 to 1 m.82. He was enveloped in something like an overall, beige-coloured, covering the whole body, including his head. I don't know if he had feet, or whether they were enveloped in it. But he gave the impression of not having any. As for his head, it was shapeless, without eyes, or mouth, or anything. He was horrible, and I was seized by immense panic...'

**Q:** 'Didn't he make any movement as you were approaching?'

**A:** 'Yes, he did move. He moved as it were about three paces or so back, in a strange fashion, as though without bending his legs; he gave the impression that his legs were rigid, or as though he had no knees, or no legs, or as though each leg ended as the ankle. It put me in mind momentarily of those mechanical dolls.'

**Q:** 'What was the rest of his body like?'

**A:** 'He had no left arm, and no hands...My son said he must have been a madman or a leper, covering himself up so as not to be recognised. After he had moved back three paces or so, just as we were about to hit him and so had to swerve, and he was just standing there, motionless, he was terrifying... that shapeless head and nothing else, no eyes or mouth or anything, I don't like even having to recall it.'

**Q:** 'What did you do next?'

**A:** 'Just as he moved back, my son stepped on the accelerator, and neither of us said a word till we got to Albacete. Once we were home we told my husband, and only then were we able to calm down a little.' "

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"As for the son of Señora A.M.M., he is doing his military service at present. He was on home leave in Albacete at the time of the experience. He wants nothing to do with the whole business. He too was questioned:-

**Q:** 'Did you never think at any moment of asking for help from anybody, or of reporting the matter to anyone?'

**A:** 'We were too scared even to look back. We were utterly terrified, and our only thought was to get home as soon as possible.'

**Q:** 'Do you believe that it could have been an extraterrestrial?"

**A:** 'I can't say. I know nothing whatever of such matters. I don't even have any idea about whether the extraterrestrials exist.'

**Q:** 'But there has been talk in recent days of people having seen UFOs in Albacete. Did you know anything about that?'

**A:** 'Now look — I don't know what UFOs are. All I can tell you is that what I saw was horrible.' "

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The article concludes with speculation as to whether what these two witnesses saw could perhaps have been a creature from one of the UFOs seen by Antonio M. Sánchez on the Sierra de Chinchilla. According to the account given by Sánchez, they were discs of the apparent size of a semaphore lantern. To start with, he saw two of them. After remaining stationary in the air for four or five minutes, all the while emitting beams of vivid orange light, they shot downwards at a staggering speed and vanished behind the range. Half an hour later two more appeared, precisely like the first two, and performed precisely the same manoeuvres, before coming down

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# HUMANOIDS AT SOUTH MIDDLETON — Part 2

*David F. Webb*

**A report from Massachusetts, U.S.A., based on investigations by the author, and Raymond E. Fowler, conducted in 1978. Some of the witnesses have requested to remain anonymous, a wish that has been respected.**

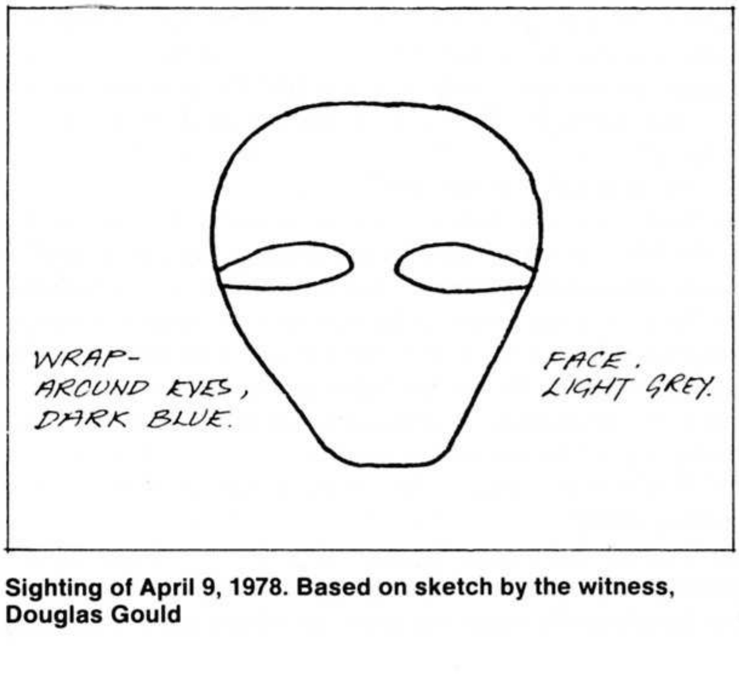
DOUGLAS GOULD was the first to see a white-helmeted figure. One day in mid-November 1977, about dusk, he was playing outside near a small shed just north-east of his house. On the ground he was burning toy plastic cars, which released black smoke. He heard footfalls nearby, as if someone was walking on leaves, or in snow (snow may have been on the ground). Doug looked towards the direction of the sound and saw an all-white being walking "stiff as a board." The being went behind the shed, whereupon Doug ran into the house telling his father to go out and look. Tom did so and saw the being standing in back of a car in the yard. He approached the figure, reached out to put his hand on the being's shoulder and, when his hand was about three inches away, the being vanished in front of his eyes! Tom was so shaken by the incident that he did not admit seeing the being to his family until three days later. "I really thought I was seeing things," he said. The being was 4½ ft. tall; it wore a white suit with a "battleship grey" helmet and hands, bare or with gloves. The helmet was square-like with two eye holes and sat on broad shoulders. The hand had a mitten-like appearance. No feet were noticed. Tom believes he saw this same being several times later.

We can speculate that the humanoid may have been attracted by the acrid, black smoke and flames from the burning toys. An unexpected approach, and what may have been interpreted as a threatening gesture by Tom, could have coerced the being into vanishing, an act with ample precedent in CE III lore.

In the first part I reviewed Tom's sightings of the helmeted figure(s) in December and January, and the UFO sightings of January 9-12, 1978. Chronologically the next occurrences were on two separate dates in February 1978 at the Campbell home. Poltergeist-type activity had occurred in both homes during this period, and included locked doors being opened and locks broken. Knives had been placed in door jams in the Campbell home to prevent their opening. One night while all were present in one room, several of the doors were pushed, dislodging the knives. Nothing was seen. Another time a relative heard a sound like a swarm of bees; it grew very loud (although no one else heard it at this point) and he nearly collapsed in a chair before it went away.

A series of incidents the weekend of April 8/9 finally triggered Mrs. Gould's second phone call to investigator Ray Fowler. On Saturday night about 9 p.m. Nancy Gould was sitting on her bed listening to music. She looked up and saw a silhouetted form through the door, which was opened less than an inch. The form had a normal shape, was about 5 ft. 7 in. tall and appeared to be wearing an unzipped jacket. The door moved slightly as if a draught had developed. Thinking it was her father trying to frighten her, she resumed her sewing, then looked up again. The figure was still there. She bolted for the door, swung it open and saw a form moving away rapidly. She searched the nearby rooms then went into the living room where her mother and father were watching TV. No one else was in the house.

The next day, Sunday, April 9, Doug, Allan and their cousins, saw several white figures several times at close range. In the late morning Doug and a cousin were riding his minibike near the ruined pig house. They had a fleeting glimpse of two large white heads viewed through low brush about 30-35 ft away. Only the heads were visible in an attitude that suggested the beings were crouching behind brush. Their faces were light grey with large, wrap-around dark blue eyes. Their heads were of normal size with no hair. Little movement was noticed. The pair were frightened and quickly left the area.



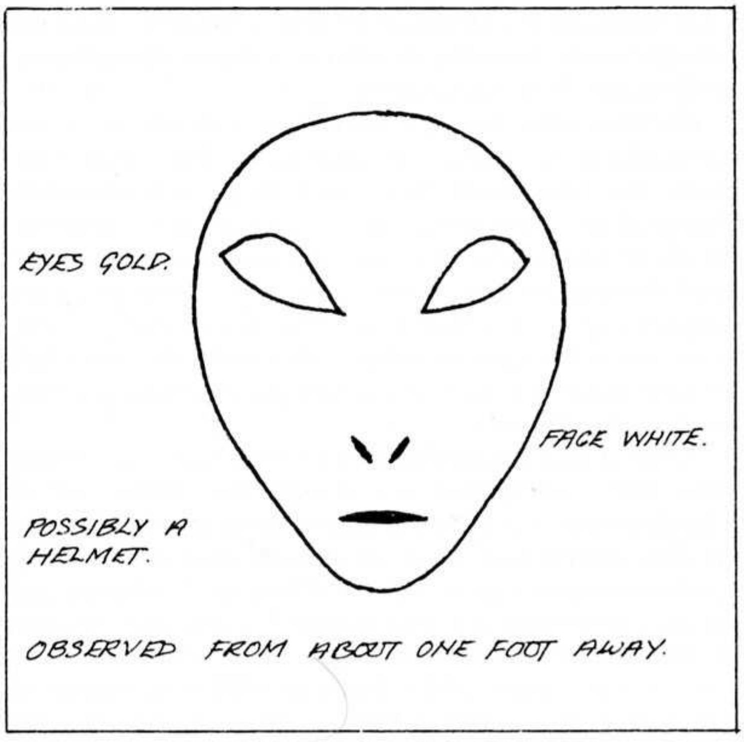

**Sighting of April 9, 1978. Based on sketch by the witness, Douglas Gould**

About 2 p.m. all four returned to the same area but closer to where Tom and Nancy had observed the UFO in January. While sitting and talking, they had the feeling they were being watched. Doug and Allan reported only vague glimpses of several beings that faded from sight, or moved too fast to be easily viewed. A cousin, however, saw at least one being and gave the most complete description. She and her sister were sitting together when she saw out of the corner of her eye a figure standing about 10-15 ft. away. She turned and looked fully upon it; it was in profile to her and about her height, which is 5 ft. 3 in. The head had an abnormally large posterior projection and seemed to be encased in a clear, round helmet. The helmet could only be observed because of sunlight glinting off its surface. She also noticed a large, dark, oval eye, a nose slit, but no mouth or ears. No hands or feet could be seen at the extremities of flaring sleeves and pants. A belt with a dark central band, vertical stripes and a black buckle encircled the waist. Recovering from her initial surprise, the witness yelled, jumped up and ran after the being. It quickly retreated with its back to her and was lost to sight in the brush.

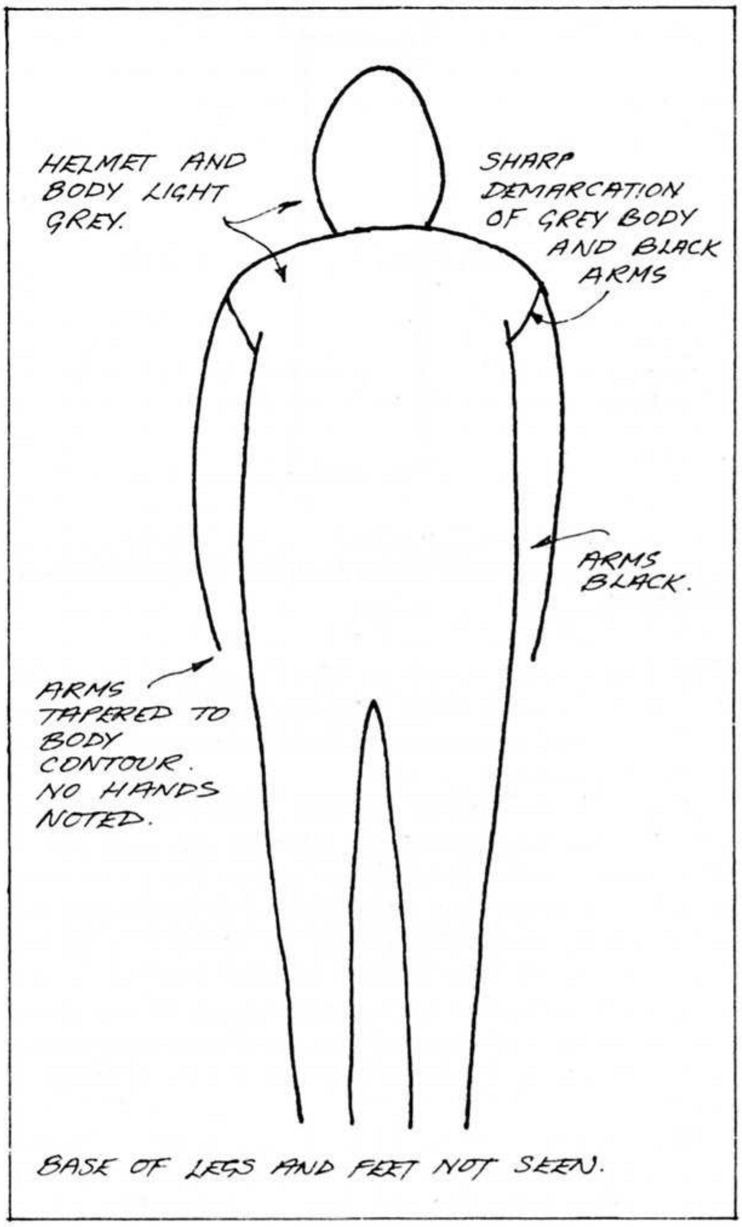
Allan reported only vague details of beings glimpsed "out of the corner of my eye." His composite sketch shows a broad-shouldered being with a light grey body and helmet, no belt and also no hands or feet. Long black, tapering arms were a unique feature. Allan could discern no facial details. An odour like sulphur pervaded the area. (Note that, except for the second of these sightings, only vague, fleeting glimpses of figures were reported despite four witnesses in bright sunlight. Researchers will remember this aspect in other CE III cases, such as the Catskills, N.Y. case of Nov. 8, 1975 — DW).

The same girl saw the same or a similar entity about 10 days later on Wednesday, April 19. That night the four cousins were playing in the Gould basement when she happened to glance at a window, which was at eye level. From only a foot away she saw a white face staring back at her. It was oval-shaped with vertical nose slits and a narrow mouth. The eyes were large, slanted and gold in colour. A transparent helmet may have covered the head. The frightened girl turned and yelled at her companions, but when they looked out the face was gone. She believes the being must have been in a prone position on the ground, since ground level is only inches below the bottom of the window.

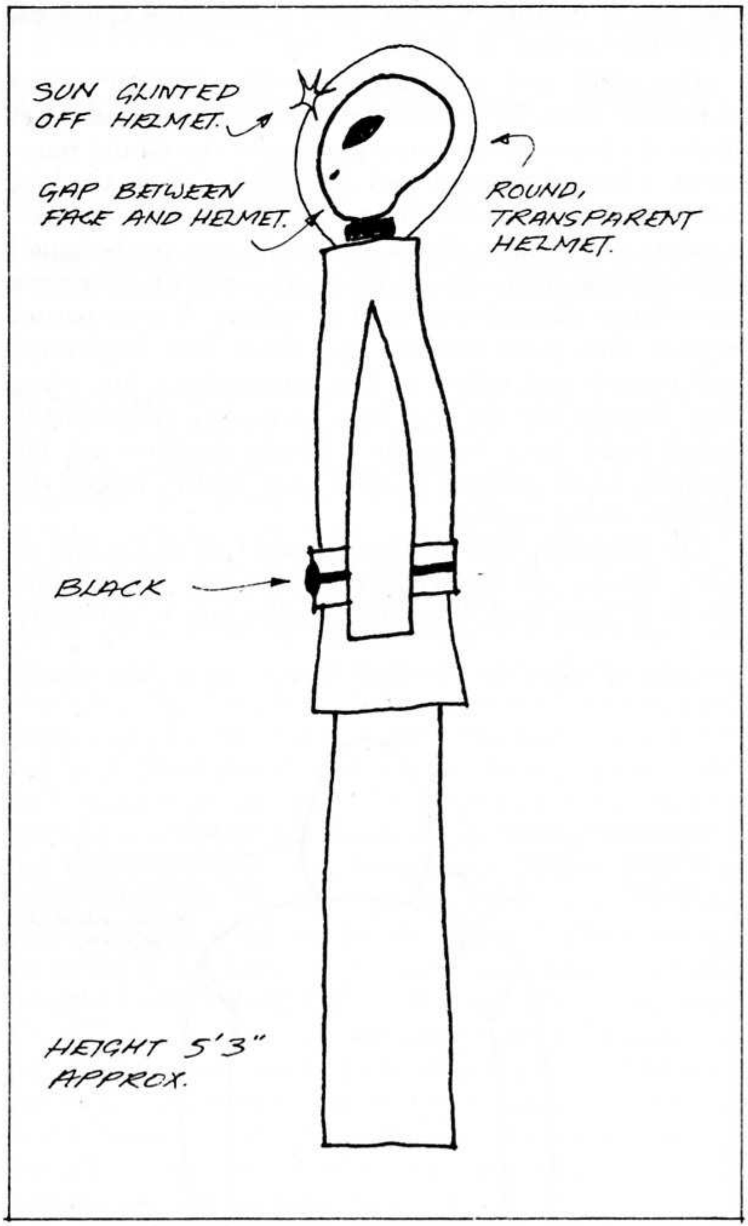
On Tuesday, May 2, Doug again saw two white or grey figures on the relatives' property. They were 25-30 ft away with their arms held close to the body.




**Sighting of April 19, 1978. Tracing of sketch made by cousin of Goulds.**




**Sighting of April 9, 1978. Based on sketch by the witness. Allan Gould**




**Sighting of April 19, 1978. Based on sketch by same cousin of the Goulds.**

Few details were noted; in fact Doug said he could have been viewing them from the rear. He did notice a left to right movement. (I did not interview Doug about this sighting — DW.)

After dark one day in mid-July, Nancy was lying on her bed, reading, when she glanced up and saw a silver-white, rod-shaped device reflected in the mirror at the foot of her bed. It appeared to be suspended horizontally, motionless in the air about five inches from her head. She looked in that direction, saw nothing, then looked back at the mirror. It was gone. This incident is mentioned because Nancy had earlier reported seeing a similar rod-like device through a car window.

The final incident for which I have details occurred on a Saturday or Sunday night, September 17 or 18, at 1 or 2 a.m. Allan was the observer, the only one still up in the house. Looking out the front window, he noticed a group of six figures standing beside the road (River Street) in front of the house. At first he thought there had been an auto accident because it was foggy and one of the beings was pointing down the road in an odd way. Five of the figures wore white suits and the other, who was the one pointing, had on a black suit. Their clothing appeared to reflect the light from a nearby street lamp. No other details were noted because of the fog and the distance (about 250 ft). The fog was peculiar to Allan; it formed a rather sharply defined bank 15 ft high in just the immediate area of the beings. On the other hand, the area is low with a river nearby; fog is not that unusual. After about 10 minutes the figures walked into the woods. Allan did not venture outside alone, but awoke his mother. By the time she got to the window, the figures were gone.

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**Investigator's evaluation: David F. Webb**

This series of incidents, taken as a whole, is complicated and unique in my experience with UFO/humanoid reports. It is unique in its combination of bizarre events occurring over a time span of several years. These events included landed UFOs, at least two types of humanoids, cattle r^s^utilation, poltergeist-type activity, strange odours, sounds and aerial devices. Yet all of these phenomena have been reported at one time or another in various combinations in other reports.

I have no reason to doubt the testimony of the Gould family. Each family member seemed very sincere, and concerned in reporting his or her particular experience. Successive interviews revealed no basic discrepancies in the description of individual events. Our character reference checks showed that the Goulds were considered honest people, though possibly prone to exaggeration.

On the other hand, I found the Goulds were not particularly articulate or observant. This was especially the case with Allan and Tom. Unfortunately Allan alone was involved in several key sightings. Theresa had a tendency to orchestrate the proceedings during my interviews. She was, however, very helpful and anxious for a solution. Because of my concern about the quality of their observations and a lack of time, I did not pursue psychological testing, or hypnosis with this case.

Several additional items of interest were developed after the main report was completed. These are: 1) Handwritten, annotated transcripts of the tapes of the first two interviews have been made, and are available to the interested researcher. 2) On page 25 Nancy and Allan's observation of the landed UFO is discussed. It is uncertain from the transcripts, or my notes, whether the youths went with Tom at different times or together to view the UFO. 3) The reports of some other experiences remains second-hand. I have yet to receive replies to two letters I sent. Unfortunately

their testimony, especially about the night of January 9, would have provided valuable support for the Goulds' stories. 4) According to a newspaper article in 1967 and recent confirmation, a linear accelerator named LINAC was built by MIT on the site of the former Essex County Hospital in Middleton. It is not known whether the device was in operation during the period of this case. The proximity of the UFO events to this atomic facility is considered intriguing.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that strange events did occur in Middleton and were observed by a number of people over several months if not years. The January, 1978 UFO incidents and the observations of the white-suited humanoid(s) are especially noteworthy because they were reported by several people, sometimes in groups and often at close range during daylight. It is highly unlikely that all of these observers were inventing things or hoaxing (a conspiracy), hallucinating or misinterpreting natural or man-made phenomena. Remember that the witnesses included three groups outside of the immediate Gould family. I consider the January UFO sightings and the sightings of the prowler figure to the low-weight unknowns; the reports of the white-suited humanoid(s) are considered a significant unknown CE III.

— D. F. Webb
October 9, 1979

**Investigator's Evaluation: Raymond E. Fowler**

**Background:** My initial involvement with the Gould family began in the late Summer or early Fall of 1977. At this time I received a telephone call from an anonymous lady (Mrs. Gould). She told me that a strange man had been seen many times, trespassing on their property, and that he would disappear into thin air when approached. She had called me because of my connection with UFO investigation. The family had seen UFOs at various times. I told her that unless she identified herself and the details, that there was nothing I could do. She stated that her family must remain anonymous at that time, but that she would talk the matter over with them regarding identifying themselves.

In April, 1978 Mrs. Gould called and identified herself. She told me that a UFO had been seen on the ground by members of the family, and that the "man" had appeared and dematerialised in the house. She agreed to an investigation. The police had been called on many occasions but could not find the "man". A priest had been called to bless the house, but the paranormal happenings had continued. As a result of this phone call, I set up an initial interview with the Gould family on 12 April 1978; David Webb accompanied me and later took over the case.

**Personal Impressions:** The Gould family proceeded to tell us one incredible event after another which concerned either UFOs or the man-like apparition. Outwardly they seemed very sincere. There was much cross-talk between them as they described the events just as if they had actually happened. After our interview, I volunteered to help Dave by conducting a character reference check on the family. The results of the check indicated that the Goulds were believed to be honest people and not the type who would perpetrate a hoax.

**Analysis:** Regardless of the results of the character check, I find it difficult to come to any personal conclusions about this case. Apparently, seemingly credible people reported some very incredible events. However, I would have been more satisfied if a psychiatrist had been with us when we conducted the interviews. Without this I retain nagging doubts because of the high strangeness of the events and the unusually large number of events involved.

If we take their accounts at full face value, there is no strong possibility of their misinterpreting natural phenomena or misidentifying man-made objects in most of the reported events. The other viable alternatives are delusion, hoax, hallucination or a real experience. The delusion theory requires the results of a


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psychiatric examination for consideration. It would require a group family mental disorder. The possibility of a deliberate, conscious hoax seems negated by the family's good character. However, Mr. Gould, a self-employed carpenter, has found little work opportunity in the area lately. Times are bad enough for them to have put their house up for sale with intentions of moving to Maine in order to find better job prospects. Is it possible that this closely-knit family were desperate enough to concoct the strange events in order to sell a story? So far this does not seem to be the case.* The hallucination theory is weakened because all members of the immediate family and relatives have allegedly seen these incredible things. Mass hallucination would be highly improbable under the circumstances. This leaves the real possibility that all or some of the experiences were real, subjectively or objectively. Further examinations are necessary in order for me to properly evaluate this possibility. Hypnotic regression also might prove to be helpful. Therefore, for the moment, I am not able to come to any conclusion concerning the validity and importance of this potentially interesting case.

Raymond E. Fowler
July 20, 1978

*[I suspect that had this been the intention the story would have been more precise and spectacular, and concentrated at a certain time, instead of being concocted over a relatively long period, and in such a haphazard, rambling way — EDITOR]

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# GETTING TO GRIPS WITH THE PHENOMENON

**Jenny Randles' new book reviewed**

*Janet & Colin Bord*

TO date there have been very few books on practical ufology (as opposed to books of case histories) produced by British researchers, and it is good to see that Jenny Randles has followed up her and Peter Warrington's *UFOs: A British Viewpoint* with another worthwhile volume, **UFO Study: A Handbook for Enthusiasts** (published by Robert Hale Ltd, price £7.95). The book's serious nature is emphasised, perhaps over-emphasised, by the downbeat title and the uninteresting grey jacket, and it is to be hoped that these do not deter potential readers because, inside, the book is packed with sound common sense and essential information on the thorny subject of UFO research and investigation.

Ms Randles has divided her material into five parts. Part 1, "Basic Ufology," sets the scene with a very brief history of UFOs including the official research projects. Part 2, "Investigating UFOs," gives sensible information to the UFO investigator, be he/she old-hand or newcomer, based on the author's years of practical experience, and concentrates particularly on how to isolate the 90% of UFO accounts which turn out to be IFOs. Part 3, "Special Case Studies," has chapters on photographic cases, physical trace cases, and contact cases, with discussion on the special skills needed to cope successfully with such cases. Part 4, "Researching UFOs," tells us how to use the data we have collected, with ideas for research projects and how to tackle them, and examples of what other researchers have done. Part 5, "Towards Tomorrow in Ufology," begins with a checklist of 15 UFO discoveries (e.g. that true UFOs are partly non-physical (subjective), and are seen most frequently at night, and that UFO reports fall into clearly defined cycles) and four hypotheses based on these discoveries are outlined. The content of these hypotheses is most intriguing, and many readers may find the conclusions controversial, but, based as they are on facts and logical deduction, they merit most serious consideration. Also in Part 5, special attention is paid to three important aspects of ufology in the 1980s — cultists and cover-ups, the new ufology, and paranormal overlap phenomena; and finally a chapter of addresses for those who wish to begin a closer involvement in ufology. Appendix A details ten cases which Ms Randles considers significant as presenting good evidence for certain facets of the UFO enigma; Appendix B is a Glossary of terms; Appendixes C, D and E are checklists for investigators; and Appendix F is a short UFO quiz. Each of the book's nineteen chapters is followed by a list of references, and two or three "things to do" — useful if you can shake off the feeling that you are back in the schoolroom. There is also an index, and the 272-page book is illustrated with photographs and line drawings.

Despite the controversy that sometimes attends her words and actions, Jenny Randles has done more than most to try to dispel the lethargy that has overlain ufology in Britain for so long, and her enthusiasm for and dedication to her chosen field of study shine out from this comprehensive book whose production

obviously entailed long hours of hard work. Having gathered together the fruits of her own experience in this way, she gives everyone else the opportunity to benefit from it, and it is to be hoped that all aspiring UFO researchers and investigators will read it with the attention it deserves. And not only read it, but learn how to practise what Ms Randles proposes, and thereby help to improve the standard of UFO investigation. If the present low standards are maintained, then we do not have the slightest chance of ever getting anywhere near to understanding the multi-faceted UFO enigma. Fortunately, in recent years a number of books that really get to grips with the UFO problem have been published, of which Jenny Randles' is one of the most readable and entertaining, while not losing sight of its instructive role.

# GUARDIANS OF THE MOTORWAY

*Alan Bell*

**Our contributor is an investigator for the group MIGAP (Merseyside Investigations into Aerial Phenomena), which is an associate member of NUFON. This is a UFOIN report. May 15, 1980. Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside. Level A. MED.**

GARETH HUGHES is a young teacher residing on the Wirral. On the night in question, at about 00.40 BST, he was returning home along the northbound carriageway of the M53 motorway, which runs along the peninsula like a rigid backbone. The night was fine and calm and traffic at that time was very sparse (even during the day this is one of Britain's quieter motorways).

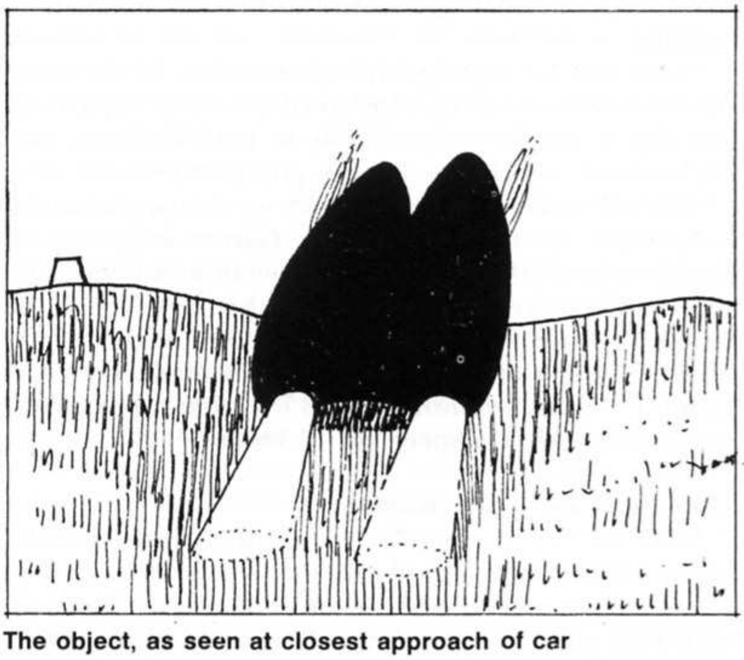
He drove down a slight incline approaching junction 2, which takes traffic off to the west towards Arrowe Park. To his right was Bidston Hill, which is not a particularly large or prominent hill, but which is rather noticeable as the Wirral is predominantly flat. On top of Bidston Hill there is a windmill, a meteorological station and an observatory, and some lovely countryside which provides popular walks.

To his right the teacher suddenly noticed a very bright light. He could see that it was low down and close to the ground and his first reaction was one of puzzlement. Why had he never noticed this light before? He had driven this way very often. Presuming it to be a mast, or lighted tower, he was surprised, and stared at it simply because he had never seen anything there before. Yet as he came closer it was obvious he was mistaken. This was just a single, stationary light which lacked any substance behind it.

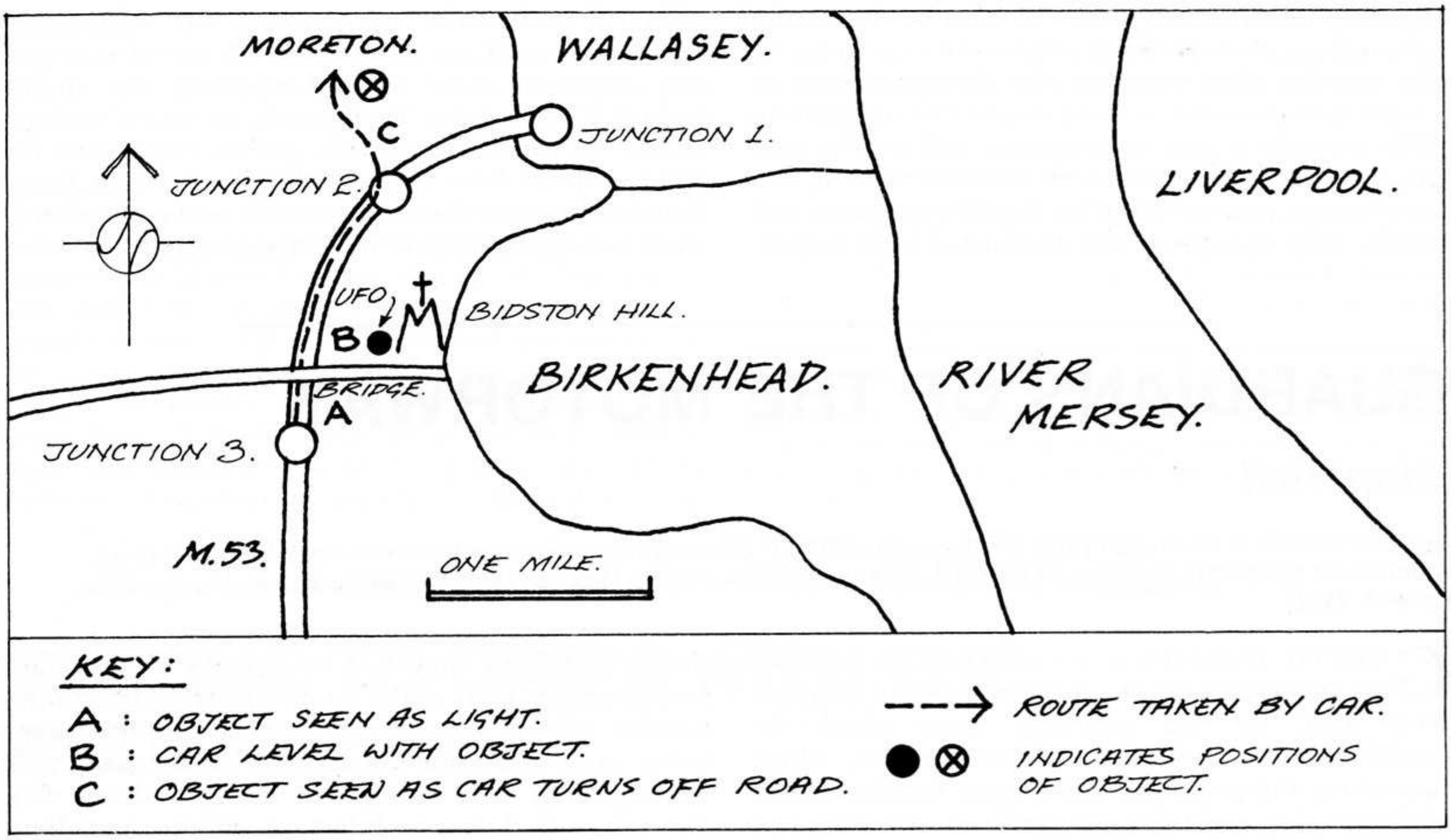
Gareth now drove under a cross-over bridge, travelling at only about 20 m.p.h., and wound down his side window to take a closer look. As he emerged from the bridge he found himself level with the thing. He was looking directly at it through the open window and could see that it was no further away than 300 feet, and no higher off the ground than an ordinary block of flats. At this distance and height it was immense!

In size it was the equivalent of a golf ball held at arm's length, blocking out a considerable proportion of sky. The top of it was clearly outlined against a bright sky, and resembled two curved artillery shells, side by side, but angled at 45 degrees towards him and seemingly parts of the actual superstructure of the massive object. Two shielded beams of light were being projected from the front of these shells, but although they were strong and clearly outlined they did *not* reach the ground, but cut off after travelling just a few yards. The portion of the object between the two beams was black, and merged with the background of Bidston Hill (this portion of the object was below the hill-line as he looked at it). However, it was apparent that there was a connecting shape there.

Gareth stared in amazement at this object and while he considered stopping (even though this is forbidden on a motorway) he admits that he was rather unnerved by what he was observing and decided instead to drive on home. However, before he left he says that he saw two reddish/pink jets of flame, one behind each shell. He presumes these must have come



**The object, as seen at closest approach of car**




on whilst he was distracted (perhaps looking round to confirm that no other traffic was nearby). He is certain he did not see them appear and also that had they been there before he would have noticed them as he drove up to the object.

He hurried on about threequarters of a mile to the turn-off (which was his own). On the spur-road he could still see the pinkish flames of the object, apparently still in the same position. His home is close to the motorway, and on arrival there he found his mother still up. They immediately drove back to the scene, but there was no trace of the object. He estimates that it had been visible to him for about four minutes.

Next day he reported his observation to the local *Wallasey News,* but they received no other reports of the object, despite its proximity to both Wallasey and Birkenhead, which are densely populated towns.

MIGAP investigations turned up no explanations to account for this observation. Gareth Hughes was found to be a sincere, slightly nervous, and believable witness. The weather conditions that day had been warm and sunny (temperature maximum of 21.5°C and 14.3 hours of sunshine with no rainfall). The temperature fell to a minimum of 8.7°C that night. Wind was easterly with a speed of 7.3 knots.

**Comments by Jenny Randles**

This is an extremely interesting and credible report. What infuriates me is that I was, at the time, living within one mile of the location, had walked Bidston Hill just a couple of days before, and had passed the exact spot on the motorway about two hours before! Knowing the area well, as I do, it is obvious that there are no features in the vicinity which could possible be misidentified. Had it been a helicopter that low and that close (even though it is inconceivable that Gareth could have mistaken such a thing) then there is no doubt I would have heard it from where I was at the time. Yet, in view of the populated locality, and the proximity to houses, one has to ask (yet again) why did nobody else see the thing? And, despite how quiet the motorway can be, I find it difficult to believe that no other traffic would have passed the spot in the four minutes or so that the object was visible; the drivers could hardly have missed the thing. Once more we have a classic case of the highly personalised UFO experience. Yet if we are to invoke the solution of "hallucination" we must answer what manner of hallucination it can be that is so remarkably enormous, so negatively emotive, and so persistent as to remain in view for four minutes and dwindle in size as if it were a real object. It is this kind of report that almost compells one to believe that it *must* have been a physical, controlled craft, keeping watch over the motorway. Which, as Vallée would have it, may just be the point.

Readers are also asked to note the sudden recent prominence of objects (usually dark, similarly shaped, and with projecting beams of light... in UFO phenomena terms virtually carbon copies) which seem to be acting as guardians of Britain's motorways. FSR Vol. 24, No. 1 had one depicted at Camberley by the M3.

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# THE FALCON LAKE INCIDENT — Part 2

*Chris Rutkowski*

AS described in the first part of this article, Stephen Michalak claimed that, on May 20, 1967, he was burned by a strange craft, just north of the town of Falcon Lake. Much literature has been published regarding the incident, and an attempt is made to evaluate the findings to date, as well as examine the evidence as it exists.

**Introduction**

Something happened to Steve Michalak on the Victoria Day long weekend. His amateur prospecting was cut short by an encounter with a landed UFO. To this day, no definite conclusions have been reached regarding his experience, and his story has started to get garbled in publication over the years. Was it a hoax? Was it exactly as reported, and true? The final proof is yet to be found, but there is an astonishing amount of evidence to show that something occurred on a rock outcropping near a swampy area of the forest near the resort.

Michalak's account has appeared in several books and journals in various forms. For accuracy and the best detail, the reader is recommended to obtain Michalak's long-out-of-print book. But barring that, any one of several UFO books carries the story in sufficient quality to understand the case to a good degree, for example, Lorenzen (1969, 1976), Condon (1969), Story (1980) or Bondarchuk (1979). This article is a survey of the literature and the research, and is as accurate as possible, the result of the re-opened investigation of the case by UFOROM (Ufology Research of Manitoba), involving some new evidence and research conducted over the past few years. There is still much work to be done, and many unanswered questions exist which could effectively aid in the determination of truth. It is felt that the Michalak case is one of the most significant on record, and may hold the key for future research.

**Physical effects: The site**

The Condon Report found cause for concern with Michalak's inability to find the site while in the presence of officials.[1] Michalak went on two expeditions before finding the site with Mr. G. A. Hart, a personal friend. Indeed, Menzel and Taves cite this as a prime reason for labelling the case a hoax.[2]

However, Michalak has stated that the locating of the site presented several difficulties. First, when the incident occurred, the trees and bushes were devoid of leaves. When he returned to the area, Michalak said, he was disoriented because the leaves were opened. This is a common complaint of individuals who hike in wooded areas, and can be regarded as a logical reason for experiencing difficulty in finding the site.

In addition, Michalak said that for that first Condon Commission expedition, he was transported to the area by helicopter, and was told to find the site from the anonymous location where they landed.

The second expedition began from a point suggested to be Michalak's exit from the bush following his encounter. Again, it was unsuccessful, due to the leaves' thickening and also Michalak's unsettled state of mind and body.

These explanations by Michalak can be accepted as reasonable, and are sufficiently sensible so as to eliminate a negative judgement on the case based solely on the inability to locate the site with official investigators. Disorientation in the wilderness can definitely be a problem in the locating of specific sites.

There is no question, however, that the site can be easily located when found by trailblazing. The usual method of finding the site is to head north from the Falcon Lake townsite, and follow a creek around large rock outcroppings until the bare rockface is seen. The numerous beaver dams and claims markers in the area can be used as reference points. Also interesting is that the actual site is within direct view of a forest ranger tower. Craig reports that the forest ranger on duty at the time of the incident did not observe either the landing or flight of the UFOs, or the smoke which resulted from the ignition of grass by the landed UFO.[3]

While this would seem effectively to flaw Michalak's story, one must remember that the individual in the tower would not be looking constantly in the direction of the site. However, the object was landed for at least 45 minutes, and if it gleamed in the sun or emitted an "intense purple light" as it was said to have done, it is puzzling as to why the individual in the tower did not see it.

Another problem that the Condon Report found was the reported direction that the object departed. This direction was 255°, and it is immediately obvious that such a bearing would have the object fly away from most observers. It was noted, however, that the bearing would have the object pass within a mile of the local golf course.[4] No objects were seen by the golfers, though, again, if the speed of the UFO was great, this is not necessarily unusual. Condon also noted that the northward-opening gap in the trees was inconsistent with the 255° bearing. However, Michalak clearly stated that the object rose vertically before departing, so this argument is not valid.

Barrie Thompson, a CAPRO investigator, was one

of the first to accompany Michalak to the site. He reported that location of the site was not that difficult, and that the early expeditions to the site were led astray by basic errors.

Interestingly, both Thompson[5] and Michalak[6] reported a large amount of destroyed vegetation around the site. Thompson even described circular lesions on many leaves in the area (the leaves, he says, were all taken by the government before any civilian analysis could be done).

## The Radiation

Much was made of the finding of radioactive debris at the site. This fact alone suggested to many people that Michalak was suffering from radiation poisoning.

The radiation detected was from soil samples brought back to Winnipeg by Michalak and an associate, after they had finally located the site. They had placed Michalak's torn shirt and tape measure in plastic bags, and put these together with the soil samples in the same knapsack. When the items were given to officials for examination, the shirt and tape measure were naturally found to be radioactive as well.[7]

Michalak mentions that Stewart Hunt of the Department of Health and Welfare informed him that the soil analysis "showed radiation."[8] When Hunt went to the site and checked for radiation, he found "One small area. . .contaminated. . .across the crown at the rock. There was a smear of contamination about 0.5 × 8.0 inches on one side of the crack. There was also some lichen and ground vegetation contaminated just beyond the smear. The whole contaminated area was no larger than 100 square inches."[9]

The origin of this radiation is in some doubt. Whatever its cause, it was of sufficient quantity for the Radiation Protection Division to consider "restricting entry to the forest area."[10] Beyond the areas located by Hunt, there was no radiation above the normal background. But the soil analysis showed a "significant" level of radium 226, for which there was no explanation.[11] It was suggested that the radium had come from a luminous watch dial, the dial having been scraped onto the site. However, no evidence could be found to support this contention.[12]

Analyses performed by the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment showed that the radioactivity in the samples was that of "natural uranium ore." This included counts of both alpha and gamma particles. One 190 KeV photo-peak was originally thought to be anomalous, and due to enrichment of uranium 235. While this would seem to indicate something other than natural uranium, the isotopes were found to actually be present within the expected ratios.[13]

To check further on the soil radiation, in June of 1979, a re-analysis was carried out with a lithium-drifted germanium detector at the University of Manitoba. The results showed that all the energies detected could be adequately explained by the decay of natural uranium.[14] Confusion may have resulted from the overlooking of the fact that U238 decays eventually into radon, a gas. Radon, of course, decays further into other elements, but the observed energies indicated a lower abundance than what would be expected. The reason for this, though simple, may not have been immediately obvious: radon is a gas, and will dissipate. Therefore, abundances of elements later in the decay chain will be much less than if all the previous elements were solids.

Identification of the 190 KeV peak as "abnormally high" may have been an oversight. The theory of radium 226 was related to this peak. Assigning elements to each of the peaks is a trying job, and often, two elements will give the same peak, often at the same intensity. This process is much like a jigsaw puzzle, and is somewhat open to interpretation, as it depends on variables such as the resolution, the efficiency and the capability of the analyser used.

However, while the 190 KeV photopeak is not necessarily unusual, there are two very strong x-rays which are hard to identify. These appear at about 80 and 84 KeV. They may be caused by some radionuclide decay in the U238 chain (possibly by the emitted alpha particle affecting an electron). This, too, depends on abundance and the specific energies involved. Despite this, there is little evidence to indicate that the site was "seeded" with radium from an old watch dial. The observed radioactivity can be considered as due to natural uranium decay.

This, of course, raises the question of why the Department of Health and Welfare would consider closing off the area from such radioactivity. The early tests by individuals at the University of Manitoba are being sought. These would be helpful, since it is possible that at that time (in 1967), there may have been different peaks detected from elements with short half-lives. It will be noted, though, that the Whiteshell results, done in 1968, showed nothing other than was shown in the 1979 run, so this may suggest that the early analysis yielded the same results.

Again, however, there exists disagreement. A CAPRO investigator claims that Hunt's check of the site showed a much higher level of radiation than was reported.[15] It was suggested that the bulk of the radioactive material was in a rock fissure across the site, this being either missed or ignored by official investigators. This is most relevant to a review of the metal analysis.

## The metal

The metal is quite curious. A year after his encounter, Michalak returned to the landing site with an associate. With a geiger counter, they found two "W-shaped" silver bars, four and a half inches in length, and several other smaller chunks of the same

material. All this was found two inches under some lichen in a crack in the rock, over which the UFO was said to have hovered. Analysis showed that the silver was of "high purity," and contained low amounts of copper and cadmium. Craig commented that the composition was "similar to that found in commercially available sterling silver or sheet silver."[16] Cannon contradicted this, saying the silver concentration was "much higher than would normally be found in native silver or commercially produced silver such as sterling or coinage."[17] The reported percentage of copper, however, at 1% or 2%, is agreeable with that of commercial silver, though is indeed less than many specimens.

The metal showed signs of heating and bending, and it was speculated that it was "moulded" into its present shape. Support for the heating theory also comes from the fine quartz crystals which were found to be imbedded in the outer layer of the silver. The sand was similar to typical foundry sand, covering all of one bar and half of the other. But the very odd thing about the silver bars was their radioactivity. The bars were also covered with small crystals of a uranium silicate mineral and pitchblende, as well as feldspar and haematite. These particles are held to the silver by a sticky "moist" substance, and could be removed by washing with ethanol and brushing with a soft camel hair brush.[18]

Again, the two theories of Ra226 and U238 contrasted each other. But the same arguments apply. Since radium 226 is a by-product of U238 decay, it is even possible that both theories are correct, though traceable to U238.

The problem, however, is not the actual radioactive mechanism on the silver, but why it was missed earlier by other individuals. The Department of Health and Welfare went to the site on more than one occasion, and checked the site thoroughly. Why was the silver not located?

### The physiological effects

The most noted elements of the incident are the many severe physiological effects Michalak experienced. When the object took off, Michalak was burned by a blast of heat or heated gas which came from a grill-like opening in front of him. His shirt and undershirt caught fire, burning his upper chest. He tore off these items and stamped them out, not wanting to cause a forest fire. Walking back to where the object had been, he felt nauseated, and had a strong headache. He broke out in a cold sweat, and began vomiting. Red marks began to appear on his chest and abdomen, burning and irritating. He set out for Falcon Lake in search of medical aid, wearing no shirt or jacket.

He eventually made it back to Winnipeg, where he was examined at the Misericordia Hospital. He did not tell the examining physician what had happened, only that he had been burned by "exhaust coming out of an aeroplane." This was on May 20th.

On the 22nd, Michalak's family physician examined him, and said that the first-degree burns on his abdomen were not very serious. He prescribed 292s for the pain and sea-sickness tablets for the nausea. Michalak went to a radiologist on the 23rd, who found no evidence of radiation trauma. A whole-body count taken a week later at the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment also showed no radiation above normal background. The burns on Michalak's abdomen were diagnosed as thermal in origin. The curious geometric pattern of the burns led some sceptics to speculate that Michalak had fallen onto a "hot barbeque grill."[19]

Over the next few days, Michalak reported that he lost 22 pounds from his normal weight of 180. However, his physician could not verify this weight loss, since he had not seen him for over a year. Yet, judging from the fact that Michalak reported an inability to hold food down, in one week, his weight loss could have been considerable.

Also reported was a drop of his blood lymphocyte count from 25 to 16 per cent, returning to normal after a period of four weeks. These two counts were six days apart, but were associated with normal platelet counts on both occasions. This contributes to the


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argument against the theory of radiation exposure. A CAPRO investigator claims that the actual drop was from 25 to 6 per cent, although this is not supported by medical evidence.[20]

There is some evidence to indicate that the red "welts" or burns went through periods of fading and recurrence, a most unusual medical situation. Because of the suggestion of radiation at the site, it was quickly suggested that the welts were radiation burns. This, however, is quite incorrect.

Radiation was also blamed for the "awful stench" which seemed to "come from within" Michalak's body. It was suggested that a quick dose of gamma rays may have deteriorated the food he had just eaten, giving him a vile odour and causing him to vomit "green bile."[21] Individuals consulted on this, however, say that such a burst of gammas would have deteriorated Michalak, not just his digested food.

Another physiological effect was the "insect bites" rash which appeared on Michalak's upper torso. Craig reported that the rash was "the result of insect bites and was not connected with the alleged UFO experience."[22] An RCAF Corporal, Davis, reported that he had been bitten by black flies when he was with Michalak searching for the site. Medical reports show that Michalak had "skin infections. . . having hive-like areas with impetiginous centres." Later he had "generalized urticaria" (hives) and felt weak, dizzy and nauseated on several occasions. Several times, he was examined for "numbness" and swelling of the joints.

A haematologist's report showed that Michalak's blood had "no abnormal physical findings," but had "some atypical lymphoid cells in the marrow plus a moderate increase in the number of plasma cells." This is in some contradiction to several sources (e.g. Naud, 1978) which claim that there were "imputities" in Michalak's blood. It is obvious that the reported irregularities in his blood would not in themselves be the cause for his condition.

The swelling of his body, however, strongly suggests an allergic reaction of some sort. After an apparent recurrence of his swelling at work on September 21, 1967, Michalak reported that doctors diagnosed his affliction as "the result of some allergy." The events leading up to this diagnosis had Michalak feel "a burning sensation" around his neck and chest. Then, there was a "burning" in his throat and his body "turned violet." His hands swelled "like a balloon," his vision failed and he lapsed into unconsciousness.[23]

Later, he described how sometimes his wrists swelled so much that they filled his shirt cuff.[24] What sort of allergy did Michalak have?

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Chris Rutkowski's study will be concluded in the next issue of *Flying Saucer Review* — EDITOR

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# WAS THIS A NEW TELEPORTATION IN BRAZIL?

*Gordon Creighton*

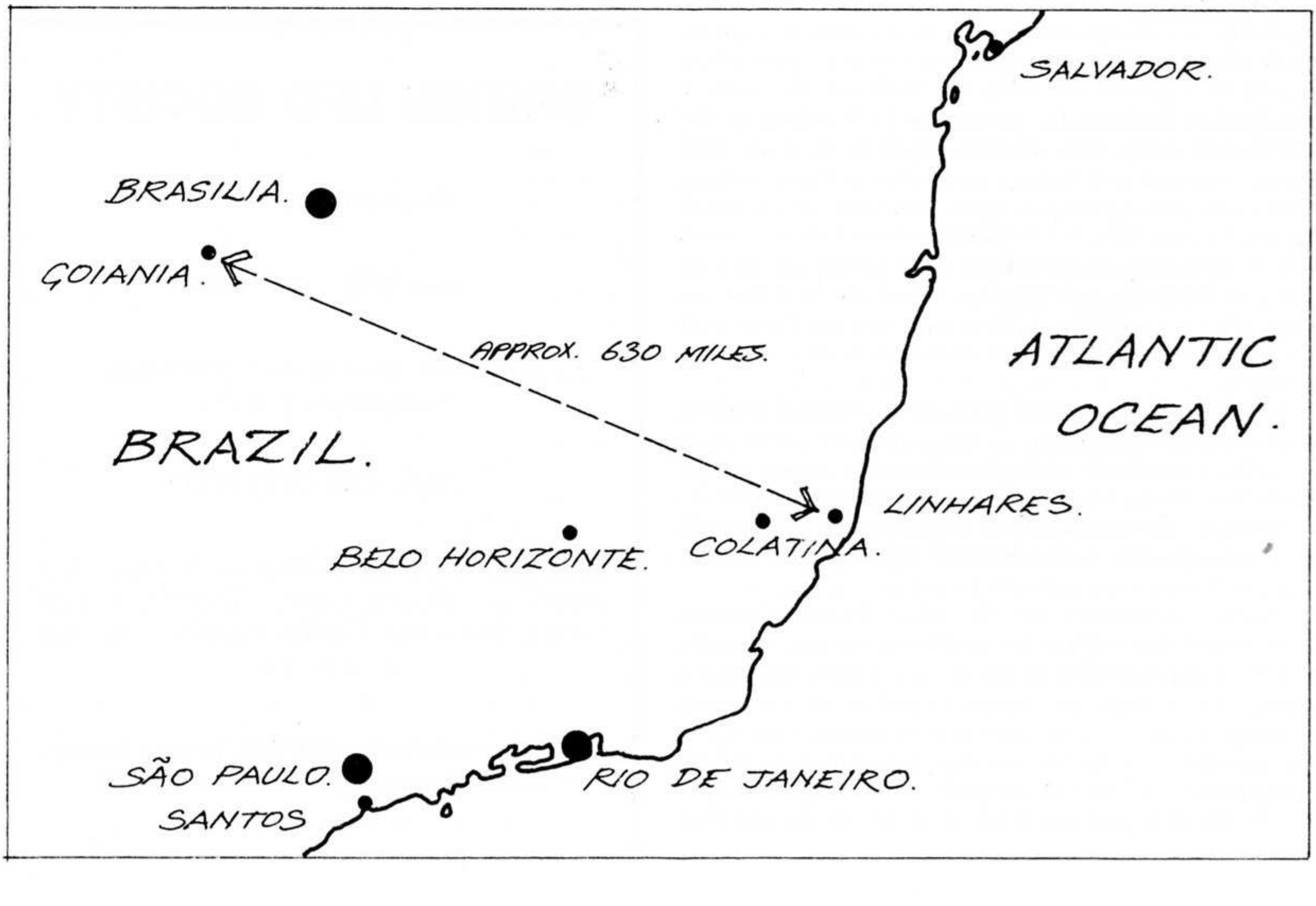
WE are indebted to Dr. Walter Buhler of Rio de Janeiro for the following report, which appeared in the Brazilian newspaper *O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro) of April 26, 1981.

A man named Jorge de Souza Ramos, resident on the Avenida Guaçui, Bairro Shell, in the town of Linhares in the State of Espíritu Santo, and employed by a pharmaceutical laboratory as a representative, left his home at about 6.00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, with the intention of going to the office of a friend of his in the district known as Corrego d'Agua. When about twenty kilometres from the centre of Linhares, and when driving along the national highway BR-101 NORTE, he seemed to lose consciousness.

On Saturday, April 25, he found himself in the centre of the town of Goiânia, which is approximately 980 kms. to the north-west of Linhares as the crow flies. According to the press report, which was telegraphed to the head office of *O Dia* by their own correspondent in Goiânia, Souza Ramos could give no explanation whatever for what had happened to him. He said he could remember nothing, except that he had been at the wheel of his VW *Passat* car, registration number BS-3806, when he felt himself blinded and paralysed by an intensely bright, vivid light. After that, he said, it had all been "like a dream". He could recall nothing whatever of what had happened until he "woke up" and found himself here in Goiânia, in a completely strange and unknown place.

### Disappearance reported to Police

His wife, Noêmia Brando Ramos, had sat up all night anxiously awaiting his return, and when there was no sign of him she went next morning to the Police Headquarters in Linhares and reported him missing. Fearing that her husband might have been murdered, she emphasised that it was highly unusual for him to spend a night away from home, and that he had never before done so without informing her in



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advance.

A search was at once started, and it was not long before the Police found his car on a lateral road leading off the BR-101 NORTE, at a spot some kilometres from the Linhares town centre. His key was in the ignition, all his documents appeared intact, in the glove compartments or on the seat, along with various objects of personal use, sample medicines from the pharmaceutical company, etc. There were no signs indicating that any violence had occurred.

The Police accordingly formed the conclusion that the wife might well be right in fearing that he had been murdered, and the search for clues continued, but needless to say, none were found. His car was brought to Police Headquarters and subjected to a thorough examination by their experts, who however found "nothing abnormal" to report. As for the friend whom Jorge de Souza Ramos had planned to visit on the evening of April 20, the Linhares Police interviewed him and he assured them that Souza Ramos had never turned up.

### Phone call from Goiânia

And so matters remained, with no clues to follow up, when, on the morning of April 25, almost a whole week after the disappearance, his wife was astonished to receive a phone call from her husband. He said: "I am here in Goiânia. It's as though I fell asleep at the wheel and have only awoken again now. I am still pretty stunned and I don't remember a thing, except that I was driving the car, quite normally, at a normal speed, up the BR-101 NORTE, when I saw a vivid bright light that paralysed me. I have pains in various parts of the body, but have been to a chemist and am now taking medicine. I have not lost anything and still have the small amount of money that was in my pockets."

The newspaper report goes on to remind readers that a similar case came to light in 1974 at Colatina — also in the State of Espíritu Santo — when a man from São Paulo, Onilson Patero, was "kidnapped" in mysterious circumstances at a place called Guarantã, and subsequently found himself high up on a mountain, in a spot very difficult to get to.

When questioned by the local Police, Onilson Patero said that he had been driving his car, at night, when a light appeared in the sky and threw him into a panic. He said this had occurred just as he was about to drive across a bridge, and indeed that was precisely the position where his car was subsequently found. When Onilson Patero eventually turned up, he was in the fields of a plantation ranch at Colatina, and five days had elapsed.

Onilson Patero spent two days at the Colatina Police Headquarters being interrogated. He stuck to the same story throughout, without any discrepancy, and affirmed categorically that he had been carried off by a flying saucer, though he was unable to give much in the way of details about his captors or their craft.

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**Translator's Note:** I cannot trace any account of the Onilson Patero affair among the numerous teleportation cases that we have already published in FSR, and I seem to recall that, while we had heard of the case, and knew the name of the victim, we did not get any details about it at the time. I cannot locate Guarantã. But I assume (the press report is a bit confusing) that it is somewhere in the State of São Paulo. I also assume that the mountain on top of which he eventually found himself was somewhere near Colatina, in the State of Espíritu Santo, and that he must have managed to get down from where they had put him up there, and was wandering about in a dazed condition on the plantation near Colatina when finally found.


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# FSR BOOKSHELF — 10

**New UFO books reviewed by. . .**

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"THE ideal UFO witness, in order to be believed, would have to be someone who was never in trouble, never saw anything mystifying before, never thought of UFOs, never spoke of them, never even heard of them at all. Maybe, just maybe, he'd be believed." These are the words of Travis Walton, and they indicate the problems he faced after his UFO abduction in November 1975. This case remains controversial; but despite valiant efforts the sceptics have been unable to prove that it was a hoax, or even to present any convincing evidence against it. According to **Bill Barry's** account of the affair, **Ultimate Encounter** (Corgi, £1.25, 206-page paperback), everything happened as claimed by Travis and his six fellow forestry workers, who were close by when he was struck by a shaft of blue-green light from a hovering UFO. Barry gives the full story of Travis's abduction and the aftermath, with all the claims and counter-claims, and it makes fascinating reading. Unfortunately the end of the book is padded out with general information on UFOs, the search for extraterrestrial life, and so on, but the first three-quarters presents a useful insight into people's reactions to a reported UFO abduction.

**Ronald Story,** author of two books demolishing the case for "ancient astronauts," confesses himself to be "a very cautious UFO 'proponent'" in the Introduction to his new book, **UFOs and the Limits of Science** (New English Library, £5.95, 245-page hardback, illustrated with photographs and drawings; has source notes but no index!). In this down-to-earth study of ufology, Story gives a history of the subject from the controversial UFO shapes found among prehistoric cave paintings through to the 20th century, followed by his opinion of the 'hard data' — physical trace cases and UFO photographs. Part III contains his ten 'best' cases, each detailed and with the author's reasons for believing them to be still unexplainable. Finally the data is evaluated, special attention being paid to the subject's suitability for scientific study. Although we recommend this book to all ufologists, we also have some criticisms of it. There are too many printer's and spelling errors in the text, including some surprising ones like "Alan" (instead of Allan) Hendry. And surely it should have been pointed out (not just in the Acknowledgements) that Chapter 16 was written by J. Richard Greenwell, or at least adapted from his article in *The Encyclopedia of UFOs*. Finally, Bruce Murray's sceptical appendix, "The Limits of Science," reads strangely after Story's apparently open-minded approach to his subject. Murray cannot possibly know enough to pontificate on so many strange phenomena in the way he does, and Story's decision to conclude with this negative piece makes us begin to wonder whether after all Story himself is a debunker wearing the clever disguise of a "proponent."

**The UFO Encyclopedia** by **Margaret Sachs** will inevitably be compared with Ronald Story's *Encyclopedia of UFOs* which we reviewed in Bookshelf 8. Although both books deal with the same phenomenon, their editors' approaches and attitudes are very different. Whereas Sachs' book attempts to cover the widest possible area with a great number of short entries, Story has been more rigorously selective with fewer but larger and factually based entries, often written by acknowledged UFO authorities. In her attempt to be completely comprehensive Sachs sometimes lapses into the ridiculous. Thus she gives us a six-line entry for POLICE which says that police often see UFOs because it is their job to patrol and observe. And another entry for Elvis Presley, complete with photograph, because he said he had seen a UFO.

Regrettably, some of the entries for magazines relate to publications that do not meet the most basic standards of literacy, which shows a lack of critical awareness in the compilation of this encyclopedia. This is in one sense an advantage as lesser-known groups and individuals sometimes gain an entry in Sachs, while they fail to make an appearance in Story. But since the data is often supplied by the individual or group, it is not always objective and can be positively misleading. If we compare the entries in both books for some well-known cases and people, we find that J. Allen Hynek merits three quarters of a page in Sachs and a whole page of Story's larger format, giving perhaps 50% more information. Likewise Allan Hendry gets half a page with a photograph in Story, but no entry in Sachs. Other prominent serious ufologists are also missing, while relatively unknown "personalities" are included.

The reasons for Sachs' decisions on whom to include or omit are unclear. The Travis Walton abduction receives two and a half pages in Sachs (cross-referenced as Travis Walter (!) — and there are other careless errors), but under one and a half pages in Story. Under CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND Sachs gives two entries. First, a three-line definition of Hynek's classification and then a quarter-page

synopsis of the movie of that title, plus a half-page still from the movie, while Story provides a whole page of detailed analysis of Hynek's classification and no mention of the film.

Other examples: three pages on Zeta Reticuli in Story, one and a quarter pages in Sachs. The Lakenheath/Bentwaters case gets two and a half pages in Story and one and a quarter pages in Sachs. So Story generally gives a larger, more authoritative and detailed account of those subjects at the core of ufology, while Sachs generally takes a quicker, lighter view and includes many entries with only a peripheral connection with serious ufology. Ideally both books should find a place in the ufologist's library, but if the expense of this makes a choice necessary, then we would definitely recommend Story. Less involved newcomers to the subject who simply need a quick, brief guide to the various references that they meet in UFO writings will probably be well pleased with the cheaper Sachs volume. Unfortunately, some addresses, publication details of magazines, etc., were already out of date on publication, and some even a while beforehand.

Story's *Encyclopedia of UFOs* is published in the U.K. by New English Library in a large-format hardback edition, price £12.95, and is also available in the U.S. Sachs' *UFO Encyclopedia* is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, in a 408-page hardback price $16.96, while in the U.K. a Bantam/Corgi paperback edition is available at £4.95.

In October 1978 a young Australian pilot, Fred Valentich, disappeared without trace on a routine flight across Bass Strait, near Melbourne, Australia. His last communications were some cryptic radio transmissions to Melbourne airport saying that a metallic craft with green lights was hovering above him. The case was widely reported by UFO publications (see FSR 24/5), and **The Devil's Meridian** by **Kevin Killey & Gary Lester** (Lester-Townsend Publishing, Sydney, Aust.$4.95, 228-page paperback) which has been written around the Valentich disappearance, adds very little to our knowledge of the event.

In fact the material is barely sufficient to fill two chapters, and so the authors have promoted the Bass Strait as another area of mysterious disappearances and unknown forces. The evidence for this is less substantial than that for the Bermuda Triangle, and the bulk of the book is a liberal padding of basic UFO--lore and many mundane sighting reports from the Antipodes. This book is of most value for readers interested in the details of the Valentich case, as the authors have talked to the friends and family of the missing pilot and give a recent view of the background to the case. They discuss the possibility of a hoax and arranged disappearance, but Valentich, who seems to have been almost a model citizen, emerges from the inquiry unblemished.

A UFO investigator for twenty years, **Raymond E. Fowler** has written a personal view of the UFO scene from 1947 to the present: **Casebook of a UFO Investigator** (Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632, a large-format 246-page paperback, price $5.95). Most interesting and instructive is his material on IFOs, hoaxes and wild-goose chases; practising and would-be UFO investigators will also find his book a useful inside look at investigation, with valuable tips on how to go about it. The book is illustrated with a few photographs, and also has a bibliography and full index.

Followers of Bigfoot and his kin will be aware that there has recently been much activity among researchers in China, where sightings of 'wild men' have been reported from Hubei Province. Now Steve Moore of *Fortean Times* has edited a collection of articles by witnesses and researchers which give more information than has so far been published. There is also an article by Xhou Xinyan entitled "Does the 'Flying Saucer' Exist?" which was published in China's daily press and shows us how the subject of UFOs is presented to the Chinese people. **Wildman,** Fortean Times Occasional Paper No.1 (a 22-page booklet, illustrated with map, drawings and photographs) is available from 'Fortean Times', c/o 9-12 St Anne's Court, London W1, price £1 (U.S. $2.50) U.K. and world surface mail, U.S. $4.50 airmail.

During his career as a psychiatrist in New Jersey, **Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz** has taken careful note of psychic events involving himself, his family, friends and patients. These include straightforward telepathy and precognition as well as more complex psychic interactions. Now he has collected together the papers he has written on this theme over the years and published them as **Psychic-Nexus:** *Psychic Phenomena in Psychiatry and Everyday Life* (Van Nostrand Reinhold, U.S.A. & U.K., price in U.K. £11.20, a 308-page hardback with diagrams, photographs and index). Chapter 15 deals with Stella Lansing's UFO experiences, which readers will remember Dr. Schwarz has also described in detail in FSR. He sensibly states: "Just as it is erroneous to jump to the conclusion that Mrs. Lansing is actually filming UFOs, so it is presumptuous to state that what she frequently photographs has no connection with UFOs" (p.278). This sentence pinpoints one of the problems of ufology and possible psychic connections: the link is suggestive but tenuous, and like smoke it can be sensed but not grasped. Dr. Schwarz's intriguing study of psychic events is worthy of the ufologist's attention, because it demonstrates that psychic communication is not rare, and that finding has implications for the understanding of UFO events and witnesses.

The subject of UFOs has inspired hundreds of books and pamphlets during the last 30 years, many of them now being rare collectors' items. Arcturus Book Service publishes an annual bibliography/catalogue listing around 1,300 UFO titles in its 60 pages, as well as books on paranormal phenomena, hollow earth, mystery animals, extraterrestrial life, pyramidology, fairy mythology, Bermuda triangle, ancient astronauts, astroarchaeology, South American mysteries and megalithic cultures. Many of the books listed are in stock at very reasonable prices, and we can from our own experience recommend Arcturus's efficient service. Anyone looking for old or unusual UFO books (and also new American books which are often difficult to obtain in the U.K.) should not hesitate to send for a copy of the **1981 UFO Literature Reference Guide & Catalog,** which can be obtained from Arcturus Book Service, 263 N. Ballston Avenue, Scotia, N.Y. 12302, U.S.A. The price is $2.50 for residents of the U.S.A. and Canada, and $3.50 (including airmail postage) to readers outside the U.S.A. and Canada.

Robert Rickard & Richard Kelly's *Photographs of the Unknown,* reviewed in Bookshelf 7, is now available in a paperback edition (New English Library, £4.95). So too is Randall Jones Pugh & F. W. Holiday's *The Dyfed Enigma,* reviewed in Bookshelf 1 (Coronet, £1.25).

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# RETURN VISIT TO AVELEY

## *Bob Easton*

**Our contributor has recently joined the UFOIN team, and this is the report he submitted to become accepted. He also acts as RIC for BUFORA in the Essex area.**
**August 28 1980. 20.30 BST. Aveley, Essex. MED. Level A.**

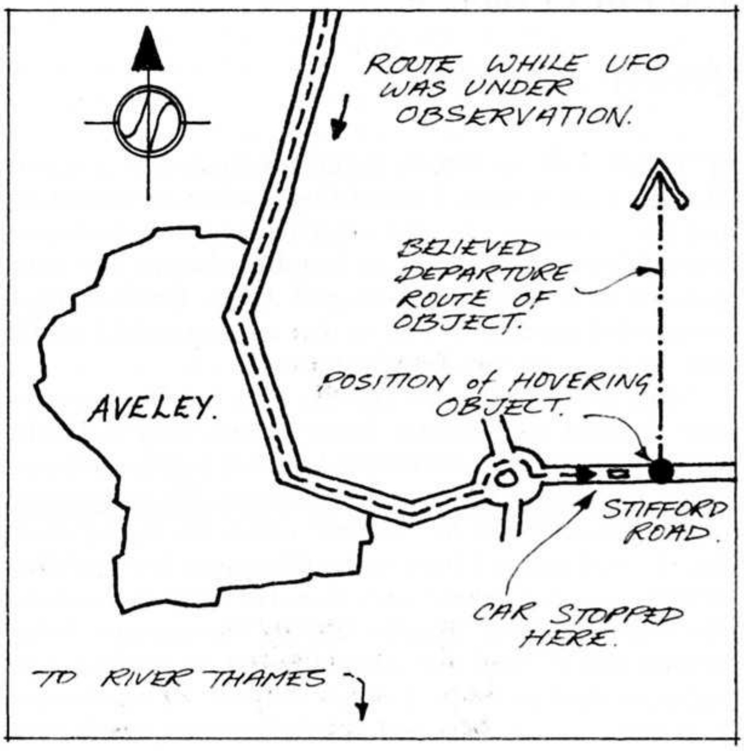
READERS of Volume 23, No. 6, and 24, No. 1, will recall the incredible story of UFO contact and abduction claimed by the family of John and Sue Day (then given the pseudonym of Avis). The incident, from 1974, and its aftermath (which still has repercussions for the family), has entered British UFO folklore as one of its more significant events.

Aveley is a small village on the eastern fringes of Greater London, with flat land and dotted woods, but with a military "danger zone" situated to the south by the banks of the River Thames. We now have cause to describe another encounter which has taken place in this location.

The night was described as warm and clear (in fact weather details show 25 km visibility, a temperature of 68° F, 3/8 strato-cumulus cloud at 4000 feet, and a light south-westerly wind of 10-12 knots). There were five witnesses all travelling together by car. This is an interesting coincidence as the previous abduction involved a family of five travelling in a car at a spot very close by.

The witnesses were Anthony Constable (aged 34), a cafe proprietor from Upminster, who has no interest in UFOs, and who has sought a rational explanation for the sighting; his wife Josephine, also 34, who helps in the cafe and has a mild interest in UFOs, having read "Von Däniken"-type books, but who has never before seen anything like this, their two children, Dean (age 10) and Scott (age 8), who have not been interviewed and, finally, Carol Fisk (age 18), who is the sister of Josephine and lives in East London.

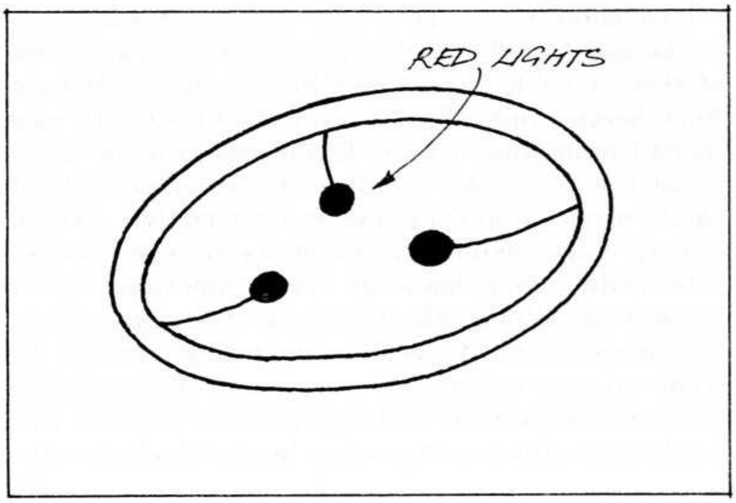
As Carol was on a visit to her sister, and as it was a pleasant evening, they decided to take a short country drive. They left in their Ford Escort, with Anthony driving, and after an hour or so relatively aimless wandering they found themselves on Aveley Road, heading south towards the village. Anthony and his wife noticed the phenomenon more or less at the same time, seen first visually as two very bright red lights suspended in the south-east at an elevation of about 30 degrees. Calling them to the attention of everyone else, as the lights looked rather close, it was decided to try to get a better look at them. As they drove into the



village the lights seemed to maintain constant position and brilliance. Negotiating a roundabout, they drove along Stifford Road towards the point where the lights seemed to be hovering, even though by this time the eyewitnesses were a little apprehensive.

They reached a point almost directly beneath the object. It was difficult to observe it properly, and they discussed getting out, but nobody could summon up enough courage to brave the darkening open country with this unknown object seemingly no more than 500 feet above them. They left the car engine idling while they sat there for several minutes contemplating the thing above them. They could hear no sound, and the engine suffered no adverse effects.

They could now see three bright red lights, spaced equidistantly and "brighter than streetlights." They appeared to be on the underside of a large oval shape that was light grey in colour. Estimates of its size centred on about a three inch diameter at arm's length. As they watched Anthony suggested it might be a balloon, but they could not figure out how it had remained stationary for a time that was now approaching fifteen minutes, although there was some wind. They then decided that they would drive up the road a little, turn around and approach the object from the opposite direction. They did this, taking no more than a minute to return to the scene, but they were all astonished to find no sign of the object. Anthony thinks he saw the object streak away northwards, but is not sure.




**Impression of the UFO based on the Constable family's descriptions**

After their experience they decided to return quickly home. They reached Upminster at just after 9.00 p.m., and since the encounter lasted between approximately 8.30 and 8.45 it is not thought that there is any time lapse. Anthony phoned the *Daily Mirror* to see if there were any other reports. They could not help but did put him in touch with investigators.

All my efforts to trace a cause for this sighting have failed. I searched for a possible balloon, but nobody knew of one. In any event this seems an unlikely explanation in view of the witness descriptions.

# RESEARCH REPORT — No. 5

## Too Hot to Handle

*Jenny Randles*

IN FSR Vol. 26, No. 5, at the conclusion of a report from Tony Green, I asked that readers comment on possible reasons why the steering wheel in this case should become "too hot to handle" during the brief passage of a large cigar-shaped UFO. Readers have responded extremely well to this request; and I would like to discuss what they had to say.

Most replies took one specific line, but there were a few unusual suggestions. **Ernie Sears,** who is Public Relations Officer for BUFORA, refers to his own personal experiences of psychic healing. He mentionèd one instance where he "healed" a lady by laying on of hands, and jumped back in pain because her wedding ring suddenly became very hot. He speculates about the warm feeling, usually felt by the person being healed rather than the one engaged in healing, and suggests that perhaps a weak current, or microwave radiation, passes between the healer and the healed. In this sense, he argues, the witness (Nick) might have absorbed the radiation himself, rather than the steering wheel, and he transferred the heat energy to it, by touching.

As **Denis Jones** from Warrington points out, car steering wheels are reinforced by a metal ring inside the outer coating. If a massive alternating current or pulsing magnetic field were to surround the car then the ring would behave as a "shorted turn," inducing high current (and, as a result heat). But as the reinforcing ring would only be of "narrow guage" the heat retention would be short lived, just as Nick described. Denis writes as a TV and audio engineer, and says that at the implied distance the field generated would have to be of a degree unheard of.

A graphic description of this effect was given to me by **J. W. Goodes** of Lincolnshire. Some years ago he was spot-welding metal. This involved a huge and

cumbersome piece of equipment, consisting of an overhead transformer and two arms that stretched down to the ground. These arms had a copper core and a casing of rubber, with a water jacket in between to cool the copper. A massive but short-lived charge was fired through the circuit as the arms were brought together with welding metal in between. However, a large magnetic field was then also generated around the arms, and the points of the arms both had induced magnetic poles that were the same. Since like poles repel they did so, making the equipment difficult to handle.

On one instance he put a metal ring around the two arms to stop them being forced apart when the current, and thus the magnetic field, was switched on. But after some minutes he smelt burning and had to drop the equipment in pain as his hand grew hot. What had occurred was that the magnetic field had induced a current in the ring which was large enough to generate substantial heat — enough to burn the rubber and his hand!

I have also had some interesting correspondence with **Paul Stevenson,** a physics teacher in Norfolk. He has performed a series of calculations, which did rely on a number of assumptions, but not gross ones. He assumed that the temperature of the rim inside the wheel rose by 100°C in 5 seconds. If the rise was faster, or greater, then his results must be 'upped' by the appropriate factor, of course. It seems unlikely that this estimate is too high. This means that something like 5000 watts (or 5000 joules of energy per second) was needed to heat the wheel. From this there could produce a relationship with the current and voltage, and from making a few logical assumptions about the resistivity of the wire inside the rim, a second relationship. The two equations could then be solved together mathematically, giving reasonable estimates for current and voltage that were induced. These turn out to be 18,000 amps and about 2.8 volts.

If it is now presumed that this current was induced by an alternating sinusoidal field (which is quite standard) then a relation giving the strength of the field can be found. This would depend on the frequency with which the field alternates, a factor we do not know. If the frequency is similar to our mains frequency (50 hertz) then the field strength would be about 0.04 Tesla (roughly 1000 times bigger than the earth's magnetic field). If the frequency were higher, the field strength would be lower, and if the frequency were below 50 Hertz, then it would be correspondingly increased.

Finally, because this is the strength of the field *at the wheel,* the strength at the point of origin (i.e. the presumed object) would be far stronger. If it were 1000 metres distant the field would be 400 times stronger, i.e. at 50 hertz, 400,000 times the strength of the earth's field! Whilst this does depend on a certain degree of logical speculation, Paul suggests that it probably indicates either an object with a static, and very strong magnetic field, that moved away from the observer at high speed, or an alternating field with low frequency, that was thus very strong. Yet apparently not strong enough to affect the car ignition system. Since research by the Condon committee defined upper and lower limits where a magnetic field would alter the car's magnetic signature permanently, or definitely interfere with its ignition, then we would seem to have some reasonably specific information about the apparent strength of the field associated with certain UFO events. It is a matter for the experts to conclude why some close approaches lead to car-stops and others do not, and still others to partial interference.

**Russell Biggs** from Australia pointed out that this induced current was probably also responsible for the case at Barnards Castle (see FSR Vol. 23, No. 5) where a car and motorcycle both suffered limited engine inhibition (i.e. they did not stop completely, but were slowed) and where a coating of rainwater on both the motorcycle and the rider's gear was evaporated in just a couple of seconds. He added that Nick had been immersed in the field long enough for the temperature to rise to 300-400°C (the limit at which the human body would start to react to the inducing field). As Russell says: "Nick was lucky he was in the field for such a short period." One has to agree with that!

Of course, there are, here, a lot of presumptions, not the least being that the induced heat effect was physical rather than psychological. But assuming it was physical, (and Tony Green sees no reason to disbelieve the witness) then we have interesting evidence of the physical reality of some UFO encounters. The academic exercise was, I think, well worth while. And because of its success I would like to invite reader participation on another point. One of the most common features of the close encounter is the witness's claim... "I felt isolated. Everything went suddenly quiet. All the traffic on the road seemed to stop." What possible causes could there be for this intriguing effect? Write to me with your views at: 8 Whitethroat Walk, Birchwood, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 6PQ.

## GUARDIANS OF THE MOTORWAY (Continued from page 14)

Vol. 24, No. 5 had one seen from the M8 in Scotland. UFOIN has an unpublished report of one seen by a late night driver on the M6 in Cheshire (that one had EM effects on the radio too)... and observe the object over an oil refinery in FSR Vol. 24, No. 4. The similarity here is rather striking. Methinks it cannot be coincidence. Perhaps someone, or something, "up there" is compiling road maps!

# MAIL BAG

**Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's fullname and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.**

### Passing of Leslie Otley

Dear Mr. Bowen, — It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of J. Leslie Otley, founder of the Tyneside UFO Society and editor of its, now defunct, magazine "Orbit". Leslie died on Wednesday, 25th March 1981. He was a good friend to me, and to many others from all walks of life. His life touched many, many people. He will be missed by all of them.
Yours sincerely,
**William Muir,**
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Newcastle Upon Tyne,
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April 4, 1981

### An earlier Lasham UFO

Dear Sir, — The report from Mr. Whittaker about the UFO which he saw when gliding at Lasham is extremely interesting, because about ten or fifteen years ago there was a similar report of a UFO seen overhead at Lasham during a gliding competition. I do not remember whether it was printed in "World Round-up." So far as I recall it was recorded in a letter which was published in the *Daily Telegraph*. The writer of the letter was the Secretary of the Lasham Gliding Club, a lady.
Yours truly,
**Gordon Creighton,**
Rickmansworth,
Herts.

### Animal mutilation in Wales

Dear Sir, — We would like to comment on Gordon Creighton's reference (in his notes to "The Chicken Poachers of Puerto Rico" in FSR 27/1 p.7) to "a nasty case of animal-mutilation on a farm in Wales." As we live almost on the spot, we were able to keep an eye on events, and can say that although the national media quickly lost interest and therefore an *apparent* "blanket of silence suddenly descended on the case," the local press continued to report sightings of a strange animal in the area.

The only hard evidence on the farm referred to, apart from dead sheep, was a large footprint which was dog-like, and there was no evidence of UFO involvement. Nor was this a case of animal mutilation in the way that so many cattle have been mysteriously mutilated in the States. The thousands of sheep in Wales suffer badly from harassment by dogs, and also by foxes, and during 1980 677 sheep were killed, and 468 injured, in the counties of Dyfed and Powys alone, which is where the above events occurred. In the whole of Wales, more than 1,000 sheep were killed by dogs, and 791 injured.

So, although we agree that there are big cats of some kind on the loose in England, Wales and Scotland, there is no evidence that these, or UFOs, were in any way involved in the events referred to by Mr. Creighton. Anyone wishing to read a more detailed account of the Welsh incidents which we investigated is directed to our article "Strange Creatures in Powys" in *Fortean Times* no. 34.
Yours faithfully,
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June 30, 1981

### Correction

Dear Sir, — I notice that one word has been omitted from Part 2 of my translation of *The Anthropomorphic Entity at Villa Carlos Paz* by Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez. This concerns paragraph 3 on page 18 of FSR Vol. 26, No. 6, which should read:—
"...her sudden transportation from her first position at the kitchen doorway over TO the bar counter."
Yours truly,
**Gordon Creighton,**
Rickmansworth,
Herts.

### On the nature of the entity at Villa Carlos Paz

Dear Sir, — Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez claims that the entity that Maria Elodia Pretzel saw was totally solid because of his 1) opening the door, 2) lowering his head so as not to strike it against the door frame and 3) he seemed so substantial as of flesh and bone. He did not float or glide...

I could now quote many things from the works of the famed English researcher, Dr. Crookall (I have all his books) in respect of astral projection, but allow me to quote instead from *Practical Astral Projection* by the Frenchman Yram — a 1930s book, I believe — which I was just fortunate enough to acquire on a recent trip to London.

In chapter VIII "Consciousness Separated from the Astral Body," pages 68/9, Yram writes of projecting from the physical body, and attempting to open doors or windows. Time and again, he writes, he had tried to pass through walls in this state, and only managed to give himself a headache, just as if he had banged his physical head on a wall. Much later he was more successful — the walls felt soft, and then he went right through. But this was because he had exteriorized a less material double, far more radioactive than the previous ones.

I believe he was saying in 1930s parlance that in certain projections, when there is too much of the double, etheric body — or using Dr. Crookall's term, vehicle of vitality — projected, then the double has difficulty getting through walls, or any obstacle at all.

Maria Elodia's tall blond entity possibly was an angelic type, or fairy (re. my letter about this in Volume 26, No. 6) made up of astral (soul) and etheric material, or possibly projected out of what we would call "a physical body from God knows where."! The fact that "he" had to lower his head, and so on, doesn't mean he was a Physical Body...he could have been out of one (if not an angel or fairy, I should

*(Continued at foot of page 27)*

# World round-up

*of news and comment about recent sightings*

## Switzerland

### Did UFO cause a power failure?

According to a report in the newspaper *Blick* of Thursday, November 20, 1980, the local Police and other authorities in the town of Delsberg, centre of the Swiss Canton of Jura, were wondering quite seriously whether the total failure of the electricity supply in their town in the early hours of Sunday, November 16, could indeed have been the result of a low-flying UFO, as two eyewitnesses had already claimed, and the Police were now calling for any other witnesses to come forward.

Frau Georgette Voirol, aged 54, and her 29-year-old son Jean-Marie, had just come home at about 1.00 a.m., when they heard what sounded like a clap of thunder, and all the lights in the town went out. As she told the paper: "It was uncannily quiet. We dashed to the window to look out and see if a disaster had occurred. But what we beheld was scarcely to be believed. Not very high, over the town, just beside the City Government Building, we saw a Flying Saucer! My son shouted: 'A UFO'. For some seconds after the power failure the fiery, bluish, oval disc just hung there. Then suddenly it shot vertically straight up into the night sky and was gone."

Frau Voirol and her son could not believe their eyes. But outside, on the Basler Strasse, just in front of the block where their apartment was, there were four cars, all stationary. And the drivers of the four cars had all seen the UFO too.

Frau Voirol said the black-out lasted for two hours, and this was confirmed by the Police. According to a statement made by an officer of the Jura Police: "There is no explanation as to why the main trip devices should have cut out. According to the town's electricity company, this can only happen after a very severe storm. The two witnesses who claim to have seen the UFO telephoned us at 1.30 a.m., and the power had failed at 1.20, that is to say precisely at the moment when the witnesses said they had seen the object over Delsberg. We are seeking additional witnesses who saw the mysterious flying craft. We would have had our doubts about the UFO story were it not for the thunderclap and the power failure. But it is a totally inexplicable mystery to the town's industrial enterprises, which were put at risk through the breakdown in current, why the trip mechanisms should have cut out like that. All the indications point to an enormous overloading of the power-grid and that in the very middle of the night too!"

Credit: **Frank H. Stuckert** of Stäfa (Translation from German by Gordon Creighton).

*[We should like to hear from any Swiss readers who can tell us whether anyone else saw the UFO and what conclusions, if any, the authorities published. Maybe Herr Stuckert can help again? — EDITOR]*

## Formosa (T'ai-Wan)

### Row of lights seen in sky

From *Lien-Ho Pao* (United Daily News) of T'ai Pei, Formosa, of June 16, 1981 (translation from the Chinese by Gordon Creighton) we learn that:—

"At around dusk yesterday [June 15, 1981], in the sky to the north-west of this Capital, a line of white lights appeared again. Ts'ai Changhsien, director of the Yüan-Shan Observatory, stated that in his opinion these lights are high altitude sonde balloons, similar to those seen over T'ai-Pei on June 10.

It was at about seven o'clock yesterday evening, when T'ai-Pei residents observed the row of lights over in the direction beyond Kuan-Yin Shan and quickly telephoned the Observatory, where the staff viewed the lights through their telescope and made a careful study of them. The lights were below Venus, in the W.N.W., arranged in a horizontal line, and totalling some nine or ten in all. But subsequently the Observatory received a telephone call from the Coastguard Station at T'an-Shui to say that they had been watching the lights since 6.00 p.m., and that there were 18 or 19 of them. They also reported that they had been seen by people at the Chung-Cheng Airfield at T'ao-Yüan.

According to the Observatory, the lights slowly moved from the north-west towards the south-east, and at an angle of elevation of between 3° and 4°, and by 7.20 p.m. they were lost to sight among the clouds. The Observatory staff calculated the size of each of the lights at from 2.3 to 3.7 metres and their distance from T'ai-Pei at between 95 and 150 kms., over the Formosa Strait, and their altitude at between 5,000 and 8,000 metres.

The colour of the lights was white at first, subsequently changing slowly to red. Because of this, the Observatory staff decided that the objects possessed no lights of their own, but were merely reflecting the rays of the sun. As a result of further calculations, the Observatory put the speed of movement of the lights at from 6.7 to 10.7 metres per minute.

On June 15 a similar phenomenon was observed at T'ai-Nan. On June 10 there had also been the earlier sighting over T'ai-Pei.

There have also been similar reports in June from the P'eng-Hu area. And all these reports have been explained by the Observatory as due to high altitude sonde balloons.

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**Translator's Note:** Some of these reports mention between ten and eighteen "balloons". And they are specifically stated to be "in a row" ("In a horizontal line"). I find it difficult to believe that the authorities on the

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extrapolate re. this: 'if extraterrestrial') or he was pure astral etheric substance, like our higher selves, that Dr. Crookall and so many others write so knowledgeably about.

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June 3, 1981

nearby Mainland (Red China), which is over 200 km. distant to the West, would be simultaneously putting up sonde balloons in such numbers, and I also find it improbable that they would have sonde balloons that would appear to be "in a row," and to maintain this sort of formation. The speed of movement is estimated by the T'ai-Wan Observatory at between 6.7 and 10.7 metres per minute, which would mean from 402 to 642 metres per hour. This seems to me to be extraordinarily slow, even for a sonde balloon, and the more one thinks about these reports they surely look far more like UFO reports, for we know that UFOs can travel at any speed or even remain stationary.

Another reason why I doubt the theory of "sonde balloons from Mainland China" is that one of the reports is from T'ai-Nan", and not from T'ai-Pei (T'ai-Nan" means "South T'ai-Wan", just as "T'ai-Pei" means "North T'ai-Wan"). The large island of Formosa (T'ai-Wan in Chinese) lies roughly N-W, and is about 300 kms. long. T'ai-Nan, in the south, is further from the Mainland (at least about 200 kms) than T'ai-Pei is, the latter being about 150 kms from the Mainland. The distance between T'ai-Pei and T'ai-Nan is about 200 kms.

I doubt even more that Mainland Red China would have sonde balloons flying in formation in the vicinity of Southern Formosa, so I think we ought to consider these reports as quite possibly relating not to sonde balloons but to UFOs.

It is interesting to recall that British Naval Archives contain a "classic" UFO report which comes from a little further north in these same Chinese coastal waters:-

**May 25th, 1893:** *H.M.S.Caroline,* between Shanghai and Japan, sees a formation of flying discs moving slowly northwards. They pass between the ship and a mountain 6,000 ft. high. Observation through telescope shows them to be reddish-coloured and emitting brown smoke trails. Seen for two hours.

**May 26th:** Seen again by the same ship. At one time the discs pass low behind a small island. *H.M.S.Leander* also sees them and alters course to investigate. Visible for over seven hours. — G.C.

## Uruguay

### Blackout caused by UFO!

According to a cable of May 21, 1981, from the representative of the Italian News Agency (ANSA) in Montevideo, Capital of Uruguay, the 5,000 inhabitants of the town of Florida, some 100 kms. to the north of Montevideo, experienced a period of alarm and excitement when a total electrical blackout of the whole region coincided precisely with the appearance from the west of a UFO. This took place at 7.25 p.m. (GMT 10.25 p.m.) on May 20, 1981.

Witnesses who observed the UFO, state that it was round, "like a tambourine suspended in the air," and had white lights fore and aft, and red lights on each side.

The blackout involved the whole district around, comprising a population of 66,000 and was stated to be the result of an unusual rise in the consumption of energy.

The head of the local power station, Sr. Miguel Canto Ferreira, said: "This was no normal sort of break in the power supply, for in fact it took us eighteen minutes to put right what should have taken two minutes, for we had to restore the power supply manually." Although he did not attribute the suspension to any particular cause, Sr. Ferreira did go on to say that, in his thirty years of service, this was the first time that he had ever seen such a thing with such features, namely the trip lever cutting out automatically with the extraordinary rise in the consumption of power.

The UFO flew off very slowly towards the east. As it vanished from sight the break in the supply of current was instantly terminated.

In a similar report from the UP, which was published in the Bolivian newspaper *El Diario* for May 23, 1981 (la Paz, Bolivia) Señor Ferreira was quoted as having said "the interruption of current was no ordinary one, as a bolt broke in the automatic system." He admitted that he was at a total loss to explain the cause for the extraordinary jump in the consumption of electricity.

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### Bolivia

**Abduction by extraterrestrial beings?**

The Bolivian (La Paz) newspaper *Presencia* of September 30, 1980, carried a report from its representative at Oruro that a twentythree-year-old radio technician living in the latter town, Orlando Calizaya, claimed to have been kidnapped on the evening of August 15, 1980, by "extraterrestrial beings" who examined him, gave him a "message" (content not so far divulged) and then released him. The event had taken place near the Capachos thermal spring spa.

Since the experience, Calizaya has claimed to feel nervously and physically impaired, and has issued an appeal, through the press, for medical aid from a specialist.

He had already been receiving out-patient treatment at the hospital in La Paz, and in a Bolivian National Health Service psychiatric clinic in the same town.

The report said he claimed to have been taken by the entities "to the fourth solar system," but no explanation of this term is given.

Credit: **Sr. Juan Telleria Rios** of La Paz.
(Précis translation from Spanish by Gordon Creighton).

### Chile

**Fiery-tailed object emits smoke**

According to a report of May 22, 1981, carried by the Italian News Agency (ANSA) from Santiago de Chile, the Santiago newspaper *La Tercera* of the same date printed a report from its correspondent at Valdivia, some 900kms. to the south, concerning a UFO which many people claimed to have seen on the previous day, and which was thought to have crashed.

The witnesses, described as "responsible and trustworthy individuals," stated that during the late hours a strange luminous object, emitting much smoke and with a fiery tail, was seen to turn red and then apparently to shoot to the ground behind the mountains.

Local aviation authorities issued an official statement to the effect that no aircraft could have been involved. The eyewitnesses who claimed that it was a UFO are numerous, and a search of the area is being made.

Credit: **Alicia Fajardo**
(Translation by Gordon Creighton).

# UFO OVER NORTH SEA OIL RIG

*Robert Rickard*

**A report sent to UFOIN by the editor of *Fortean Times* and author of books such as *Phenomena,* and *Photographs of the Unknown.***

THIS story came to me by way of my brother, Michael, who worked as part of the onshore installation fire and safety team for Chevron oil in Aberdeen, Scotland. It sounds as if it might be unusually large ball lightning, but that is only speculation. This account was entered into the log of the oil platform by the Chevron offshore installation manager, Derek Smith, who is an ex-Royal Navy Commander.

The sighting was made over the "Northern" (a North Sea oil platform) owned by Chevron Oil in the Ninian Field (block 33). It is positioned at:

60°N 54′ 21.83″ 1°E 25′ 16.46″

The date was November 25, 1980, and the observation commenced at 06.40 GMT. It is not known for how long the sighting lasted, but it is known that it was not simply transitory. The phenomenon was described as a "glowing orange ball" which moved about and was also seen to hover above the platform, where the search for Britain's oil continues. No estimate of size is known, although it was also described as "a ball of fire." But it is thought that it might be too large to have been ball lightning, which is normally only a few inches in diameter. The chief reason for this suspicion is that it was large enough to be also witnessed from another platform in the Brent field, about 12-15 miles away.

It was immediately assumed to be a distress flare and an RAF *Nimrod* reconnaisance aircraft was sent to the area, and the RAF was generally put on standby. As far as is known nothing was found.

## GRUESOME CREATURE ON ROAD IN SPAIN

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and landing. A few moments before landing, they emitted beams of an intense white light that lit up the ground as though they were looking for the right spot or investigating something.

Deeply impressed by the sight, Sánchez remained there for some time, watching. At about 9.00 p.m. an aircraft appeared on the horizon heading for the airfield at Los Llanos, to land there, whereupon the UFOs made off.

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**Additional note by Gordon Creighton**

There have been a number of alleged encounters with such gruesome, spectral sorts of beings. In particular, one recalls the critters at Warneton, Belgium, though these did not seem to lack eyes or mouths but were more like mechanical robots. (See *The Robots at Warneton,* in FSR, Vol. 20, No. 5)

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